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Congrats Pop Warner cheerleaders!

Waiting in the wings! The National Champion winner Pop Warner cheerleaders.

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School Committee discusses ACE program, budget status

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — The Wilmington School Committee's meeting last Wednesday night featured a CARES program update, the fiscal year 2020 financial status report, the superintendent evaluation, and more.

Discussion began with the approval of grants for instructional material texts for WHS world languages and for the annual Wilmington Arts Fair.

After reading and making comments on updating school committee policies, they heard from middle school representatives Lindsey Anthony and Abigail Driscoll regarding a youth risk behavior survey, hearing and vision tests, an eighth grade climate change assembly, Ski Club, the Wilmingtons and WMS Chorus concert, SADD, and the FTC Robotics Club.

In the Superintendent's Report, Dr. Brand covered the fiscal year 2020 Safe and Supportive Schools Competitive Grant for supporting social and emotional wellbeing aspects at the middle school which was received in the amount of \$6,500.

He next referred to Assistant Superintendent for Administration & Finance Paul Ruggiero for an update on the new Transportation Coordinator, Lisa Faretra.

"She has an extensive background in safety management and routing," Ruggiero said.

Finally, Dr. Brand addressed a plan for the district and school websites to be redesigned likely this summer, with information to be gathered from the superintendent's advisory council, stakeholders, parents, staff, and students.

Next, a report by Interim Athletic Director Ed Harrison was read that talked about expanded WHS sport offerings. The committee noted that this is made possible by the effort and support of coaches, parents/guardians, and students. Dr. Brand also shared an update that the search for a new athletic director is officially underway.

CARES Program Coordinator Shari Parker was invited before the School Committee and shared about the new WMS ACE program, which stands for

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Affordable unit project possibly coming to town

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — Tension ran high at the Board of Selectmen's meeting on Monday night at 7 p.m. in the main room of the Town Hall, where residents young and old came for very different causes. Agenda items for the night ranged between acknowledging a youth cheerleading team and discussing a proposal for a new senior center.

The Wilmington Pop Warner "D" Team, which

features girls in grades 3-6, were recognized by the board for their national championship win with certificates of exceptional performance in Pop Warner. All of the cheerleaders came to the front of the room to receive their awards.

"Before you we have 29 of the finest athletes Wilmington has seen," Chairman Greg Bendel said. "We're really proud."

Their coach also spoke to the dedication of these 29 girls competing at a high school level and the parents and guardians

supporting them.

The board next saw a presentation by Andrew Chaban, the Chief Executive Officer of Princeton Properties, regarding a proposal for 108 affordable homes on Jefferson Road. Details for the proposal moving forward were shared with a suggestion for the board to make a motion for a joint petition between Princeton Properties and the Board of Selectmen to go before the Zoning Board of Appeals.

The proposed affordable housing complex would

be made of two 4-story buildings and 36 attached parking spaces. There would be 50 percent one-bedroom homes, 40 percent two-bedroom homes, and 10 percent three-bedroom homes. 80 percent of these rental properties would be at market rate, with 20 percent reaching the affordable housing requirements. This means that all of the units would count towards the town's total affordable housing unit numbers.

Chaban emphasized that the project is contingent on the town receiving a

MassWorks Infrastructure grant to pay for the cost of moving the sewer forward. This is a grant that would fund things that contribute to the long-term sustainability and strength of the state.

"I see this as a positive opportunity to bring sewer to that part of the community," Bendel shared on the subject.

Another reason the board seemed to be in support of the initiative is the looming 2020 census where Wilmington may fall below the 10 percent affordable housing re-

quirement.

"We're certainly in a situation where we're in dire need of affordable units immediately, and if we don't get them, we'll fall below the 10 percent threshold and be subject for even larger units which we would have no control over going forward," Bendel continued.

Chaban maintained that Princeton Properties would take measures to offer a net positive to the town and not a burden.

As the board made a

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Wilmington resident cast in Hollywood film

By CASSIA BURNS
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — Back in December, Wilmington resident James MacPherson was cast in an acting role in the Tarek Tohme film "Hold On," which is based on the true story of five-octave singer Micayla DeEtte.

Born in Cambridge, MacPherson was raised locally in Wilmington, and graduated from Wilmington High School. At Wilmington High School, he was a notable athlete, specializing in wrestling. Out of his four years in high school,

he won the high school wrestling championship.

After graduating, MacPherson made a career out of being a bodyguard, protecting many notable celebrities. Some of those he has protected in the past include Rihanna, Dr. Oz, Quincy Jones, Steve Wynn, and a former United States President. He protected celebrities at some non-profit events, including the Jewish American Friends of Magen, where he guarded Diana Ross, and the Parker Cancer Foundation event where he guarded Lady Gaga.

Prior to moving from Massachusetts to California, MacPherson was encouraged to take acting classes. He then enrolled in West Barron Acting School, and, once he moved to California, he studied with William Alderson of the Neighborhood Playhouse and Jack Waltzer, of

Wilmington responds to two fires last week

By CASSIA BURNS
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — Last week on Thursday Jan. 9 and Friday Jan. 10, the Wilmington Fire Department responded to two second alarm fires.

The first fire on Thursday was located at 33 Industrial Way, the site of the biotech company, ChemGenes. It was reported to the department through an automatic report, caused by the activation of the company's sprinkler system. A flash fire on a piece of equipment started the larger fire, which later affected a hazardous waste barrel.

A hazmat response was requested to the scene, due to the nature of the fire, according to Deputy



▲ Industrial Way fire

(Courtesy photo)

Chief William Cavanaugh. This hazmat risk caused it to be raised to a second alarm fire.

Crews from Reading, North Reading, Woburn, and Tewksbury were on scene. Additionally, crews from Andover and Billerica covered the station. Responders remained on scene until it was cleared

at 10 a.m. the next morning.

Following the incident, Crystal Trucking of Wilmington was used to remove the remaining chemical and hazardous materials.

There were no injuries, and little property damage from this fire. Much of the damage that did

result was attributed to be water damage from the sprinkler system, while only a moderate amount was direct fire damage.

The second fire on Friday was located at 28 Cook Ave., and originated as a chimney fire that

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Wilmington Library Notes

by Christina Stewart

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Upcoming Events

Please register online using our Calendar of Events at www.wilmingtonlibrary.org or by calling (978) 694-2099 (for Adult) or (978) 694-2098 (for Youth). Please note we request registration for programs that are marked *RR. Adult programs are recommended for those 16 years of age and older. Thank you to the Friends of the Library for program funding support!

Well Read Wednesday Book Group *RR

Wednesday, Jan. 22 at 10 a.m.

Featured Book: The Last Days of Night by Graham Moore

This novel tells the story of the battle between Thomas Edison and George Westinghouse in

the race to deliver electricity to the nation. Lots of interesting historical facts woven into a story about one of the most significant inventions of the century. Pick up a copy of the book at the library and join in the discussion.

Climbing Mount Everest *RR

Thursday, Jan. 23 at 6:30 p.m.

Groton resident, Craig John, will present a multimedia program on his ascents of Mt. Everest. Craig first climbed Everest in 1998 by the North Ridge on the Tibetan side of the mountain. In 2018, he returned to Everest to make an ascent by the Southeast Ridge in Nepal. Craig has been a professional mountain guide for 33 years. He has led over

65 high altitude expeditions worldwide.

Cookin' the Books *RR

Monday, Jan. 27 at 12 p.m.

Featured Cookbook: Where Cooking Begins by Carla Lalli Music

If you love to cook and enjoy talking about food and sharing recipes then this group is for you. Pick up a copy of the cookbook (or find a recipe from the book online), register on the library events calendar at wilmingtonlibrary.org and record your recipe. Bring your dish to the meeting and enjoy sampling everyone's dishes!

Creative Writing Skill Group *RR

Tuesday, Jan. 28 at 7 p.m.

Learn and apply creative writing tips, tools, and

techniques shared by published authors and other writing experts. Open to all who want to improve their creative writing skills and get their work published. Led by local writing enthusiast Barbara Alevras.

Winter Coffee House: The Last Duo *RR

Friday, Jan. 31 at 7 p.m.

Tickets on sale at the main desk, \$5

Back by popular demand! Chase away the winter blues with The Last Duo, who play the sounds of the 60s and 70s including the Eagles, America, Van Morrison, the Beatles and more. Coffee, tea, and dessert served. Must be 18+ This program is brought to you with federal funds provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

Kinds & Teen Events

Language Buddies *RR

Friday, Jan. 17 at 3:45 p.m.

Language Buddies is a brand new 3-week program pairing WHS World

Language Club members with kids in grades 1-3 interested in learning French, Italian, or Spanish! Focusing on one language per session, kids will try out words and phrases through books and activities. Grades 1-3

Teen Volunteer Orientation *RR

Saturday, Jan. 18 at 10 a.m.

Whether for meeting your graduation requirement or just because you really love helping out at the library, we may have volunteer opportunities available for you, including Tech Buddies, Book Buddies, Language Buddies, and other monthly opportunities! *Volunteers must attend an orientation before being accepted into the volunteer program. Grades 9-12

Dungeons & Dragons *RR

Saturday, Jan. 18, 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Interested in finding out more about this fantasy tabletop role-playing game, or looking for a group to play with? Join DM Alex for a campaign! Grades 6-8

Teen Trivia:

2019 Edition *RR

Tuesday, Jan. 21 at 7 p.m. Show off your smarts at pub-style trivia! Play against your friends, putting your knowledge to the test. The winning team walks off with prizes and bragging rights! Snacks provided. Grades 6-12

Crafternoons: Felted Soaps *RR

Wednesday, Jan. 22 at 3:45 p.m.

Using scented soap, wool roving, and felting needles, make an antibacterial, exfoliating, one-of-a-kind bar that will not waste suds! Grades 4-8

Board Game Club

Wednesday, Jan. 22 at 6:30 p.m.

Looking to learn, play, or create fun board games? Bring your favorite game or latest prototype and we'll play together! Students and their adults welcome, registration encouraged! Grades 6-12

Holiday Hours

The library will be closed on Monday, Jan. 20 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Abundant Life Christian School announces first trimester honor roll

WILMINGTON — The following local students received honors for the first-trimester honor roll at Abundant Life Christian School. High Honors: Allison Gardner (3rd grader), Jack Jamieson (3rd grader) and Ella O'Connell (6th grader) of Wilmington. Honors: Gabriel Borges (6th grader), Kariya Gundersen (3rd grader) and Valerya Pineda-Montesinos (7th grader) of Wilmington.

Abundant Life Christian School and Learning Center is a private, Christian school located in the Abundant Life Christian Center of Wilmington. It desires to produce students who are uniquely prepared to discover the world around them, to be inquisitive about its many facets, are creative in their approach

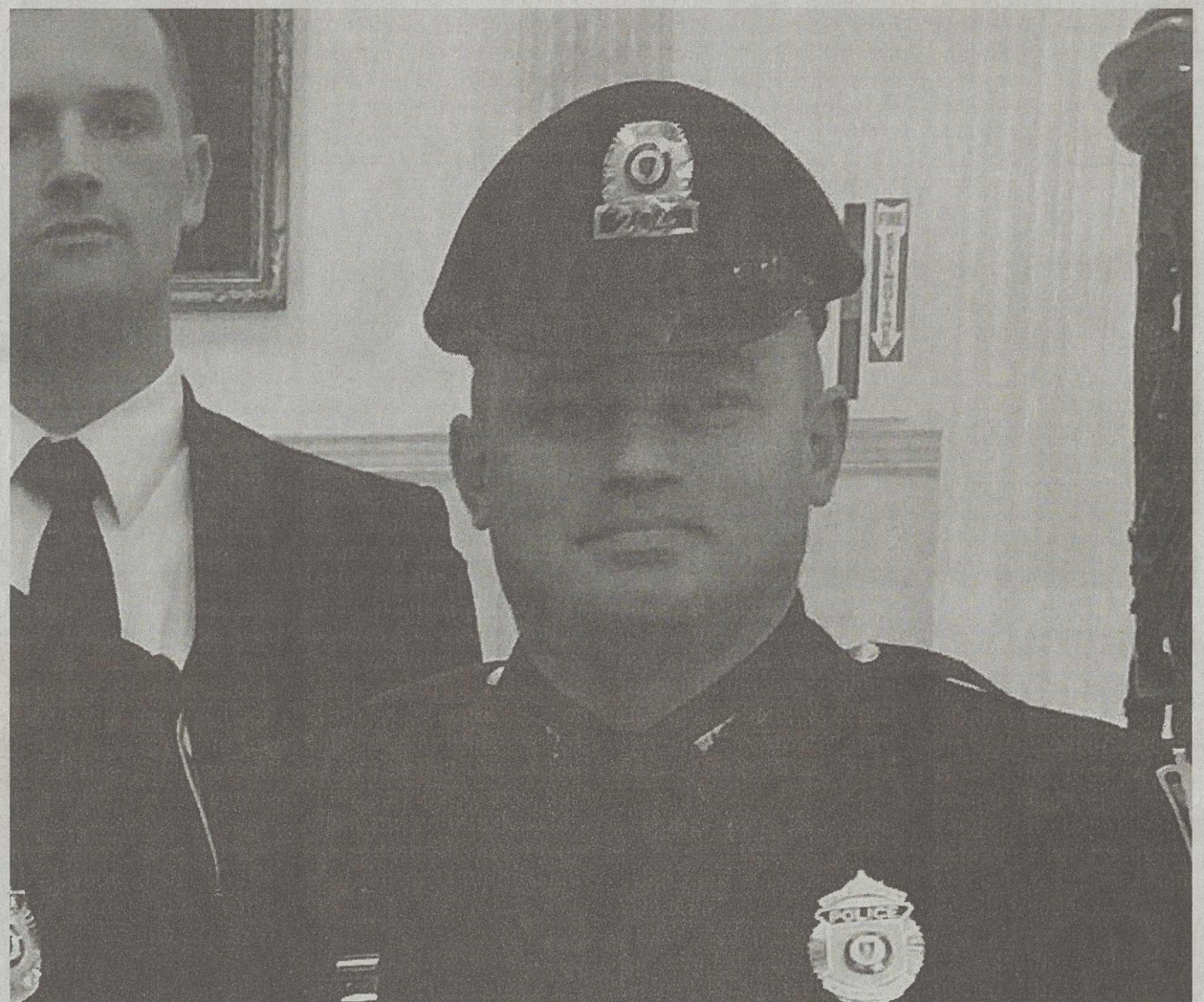
to problems, and seek to grow individually all in the framework of Christian faith.

It offers a curriculum that is academically sound, intellectually challenging and theologically consistent with faith in Jesus Christ. At Abundant Life Christian School we offer small class sizes, allowing our teachers to truly get to know their students and meet their individual needs.

Elementary students participate in special classes such as art, music, PE and library. In 1st grade they begin to learn Spanish! Elementary students also enjoy a 15 minute recess in the morning, and a 20 minute recess after lunch, including playing outside in the snow.

Middle school students follow a weekly block schedule with academics, chapel, small groups, electives and a daily recess. The Abundant Life Christian School and Learning Center is enrolls children infancy through 8th grade. Growing Kids God's Way since 1982.

For more information please contact the school at 978-657-8710 or go to www.ablifeschool.com.



Officer Nick Nofle back in Wilmington after National Guard assignment

Wilmington Police welcomed back officer Nick Nofle who has been on a full-time assignment with the MA National Guard for more than a year. "We thank him for his service to our nation and we're glad to have him back on the streets of Wilmington with us!"

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JAN. 31 FILING DEADLINE FOR WAGE STATEMENTS, INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR FORMS

A January 31 filing deadline applies to filing wage statements and independent contractor forms with the government. The Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes (PATH) Act requires employers to file their copies of Form W-2, Wage and Tax Statement, and Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, with the Social Security Administration by Jan. 31. The Jan. 31 deadline also applies to certain Forms 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Income, filed with the IRS to report non-employee compensation to independent contractors. Such payments are reported in box 7 of this form.

This deadline makes it easier for the IRS to verify income that individuals report on their tax returns and helps prevent fraud. Failure to file these forms correctly and promptly may result in penalties. As always, the IRS urges employers and other businesses to take advantage of the accuracy, speed and convenience of filing these forms electronically.

An extension of time to file Forms W-2 is no longer automatic. The IRS will only grant extensions for specific reasons. Details can be found on the instructions for Form 8809, Application for Extension of Time to File Information Returns.

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Wilmington Realtor elected at-large director of Mass. Association of Realtors

WALTHAM — Jacquelyn Santini, Wilmington resident and Realtor® at RE/MAX Encore in Wilmington, has been elected At-Large Director for the Massachusetts Association of Realtors® (MAR) for 2020.

As at-large director, Santini will serve as a State Director and a voting member of the Executive Committee.

She has served as a member of the Government Affairs Committee, Professional Standards Committee, Forms Content Advisory Committee and was also a part of the Charitable Foundation.

On the local level, Santini was involved with both the Greater Boston and Eastern Middlesex Association of Realtors® before they merged in early 2016. She was director of Greater Boston Association of Realtors® (GBAR) from 2016-2018, President of Eastern Middlesex Association of

Realtors® (EMAR) in 2015. She was also named EMAR Realtor® of the Year in 2013.

On the national level, Santini served on the 2019 State and Local Issues Policy Committee.

A Realtor® since 2006, Santini has earned the Certified Buyer Representative (CBR), Certified Residential Specialist (CRS) and Graduate Realtor® Institute (GRI) and designations.

About the Massachusetts Association of Realtors® Organized in 1924, the Massachusetts Association of Realtors® is a professional trade organization with 25,000+ members. The term Realtor® is registered as the exclusive designation of members of the National Association of Realtors® who subscribe to a strict code of ethics and enjoy continuing education programs.

Reading Coop hires Michael McKelvey as VP, Commercial Lender

READING — Reading Cooperative Bank (RCB) would like to announce the hiring of Michael McKelvey as VP, Commercial Lending. McKelvey comes to RCB from East Boston Savings Bank, where he served as the Vice President of Corporate Banking.

McKelvey has 15 years of experience in the financial and commercial banking industry. He began his career at GE Capital as a member of the Asset-Based Lending Group before holding Commercial

Lending Officer roles at Bank of New Canaan and Santander Bank. McKelvey graduated from Quinnipiac University with a BS in Business Management.

"I'm happy to be joining a strong community bank," McKelvey said. "I look forward to helping RCB continue to develop its commercial loan portfolio in markets both new and existing."

"Michael is a great addition to our team," Glenn Strauss, SVP & Chief Lending Officer, remarked.

"He will unquestionably be an asset for both the bank and our department. I'm highly confident that Michael's experience and ability will serve us well as we continue to grow."

McKelvey resides in Lynnfield with his wife and two children. In his free time, he volunteers as a coach in youth sports and enjoys playing golf and traveling with his family.

About Reading Cooperative Bank: Reading Cooperative

Bank is a depositor owned co-operative founded in 1886. This community-centric North Shore financial service provider has branches in Reading, Wilmington, North Reading, Andover, and Burlington.

They also operate teaching branches at Northeast Metro Tech in Wakefield (open to the public) and at Reading Memorial High School (students and staff only), as well as an online branch at www.readingcoop.com.

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Church clock weights crashed through ceiling

By LARZ F. NEILSON

Was there a special message from God in the sermon delivered in the Wilmington Congregational Church on Aug. 7, 1887?

"It seemed as if the old and respected minister had received some heaven-sent inspiration," said the *Boston Daily Globe*, "for there was but one feeling among his hearers, and that was that they never thought he could preach so wonderfully."

It was not the custom of the *Globe* to put comments on a sermon on the front page. But shortly after the minister had concluded his remarks and the offering had been collected, came a rumbling from above. Then, with a thundering crash, the clock weights came down through the church ceiling.

Perhaps it was a divine comment on the offering. The *Globe* reported that the weight fell at the head of the aisle, just missing the deacon and choirmaster and completely wrecking the organ, or the exterior of it, anyway.

The article made several references to the new church bell, but it was not the bell that crashed down.

Had the bell come down, it would have landed in the vestibule, the entry of the church, directly below the steeple.

The choir, at the time, was at the front of the chapel, and the clock was driven by weights hanging behind the pulpit. This system was changed about 1952 when an addition to the church was built. The clock was converted to electric operation. In the original installation, cables ran above the ceiling, the length of the chapel.

The misfortune was the third to strike the church in a quarter-century.

The first disaster took place in February 1864. A magician was performing in the church vestry, when there was a sudden commotion. A short distance away, the two Bond cracker bakeries were burning, one opposite Glen Road, the other near the beginning of Church Street. Some people stayed but others went to watch or assist with the fires.

Before the night was over, the 50-year old church was also reduced to ashes. A spark had set the steeple afire, and there was little that those parishioners could do but watch. At its early stage, the fire

could have been easily extinguished, but there were no pumps or hoses, and nor was there a ladder. There was, however, adequate time to save some items from the church, including the "parson's communion set."

The present-day church was dedicated exactly two years after the fire. It is the third church building there. The first was built in the 1730's. About 80 years later, though, the townspeople voted to tear down that church and build a bigger one. That second church was the one that burned.

In 1876, the church encountered calamity number two when the steeple blew down. A new steeple was built with timbers milled at Clapp's Mill, which was at Wood Hill, near the Burlington town line. William Henry Carter 2nd hauled the timbers from the mill to the church.

Dr. France Hiller announced that she would pay for the new steeple. She and her husband, Dr. Henry Hiller were newcomers to town at that point. He had a highly successful business in Boston selling patent medicine.

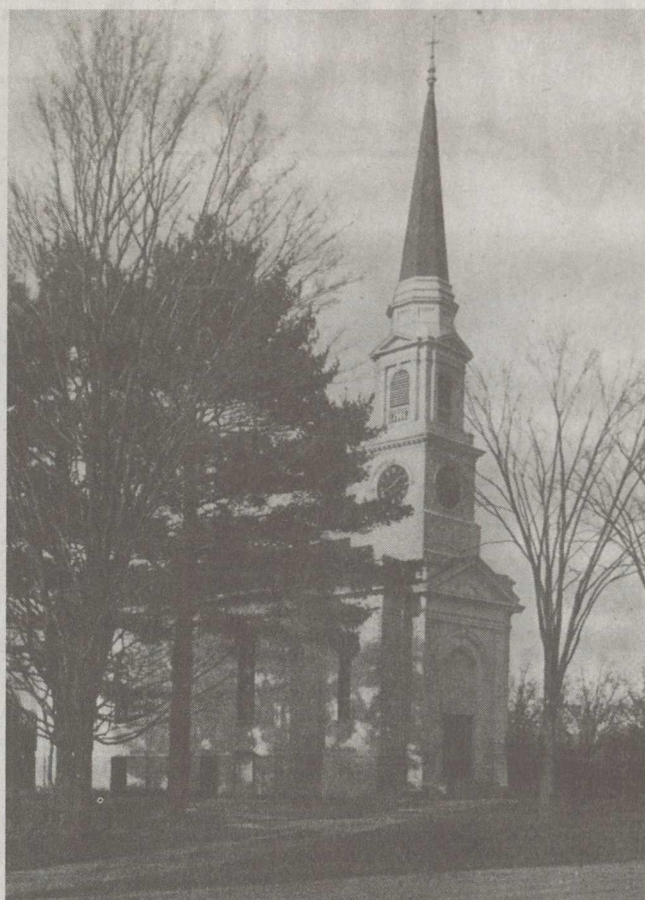
Sabra Carter then announced that she would pay for a clock for the new

steeple, including an 80-pound bell. These, of course, were mounted in the steeple. There are three three faces on the clock. There is no record of that transaction, but it can be assumed that she did pay for the clock. Miss Carter had built a successful business selling packaged seeds. There was also family money from the Jaques family, and from the estate of her brother, Timothy J. Carter, a railroad builder.

However, once the new steeple was built, Dr. Hiller did not pay. It is not known why she refused to pay, but it may have involved Sabra Carter upstaging her donation. Mrs. Hiller later made substantial contributions to the town.

In June 1876, Benjamin Buck put up \$5,000 to pay for the steeple, taking a mortgage on the church parsonage. Two months later, he forgave the mortgage.

Another decade passed, with Wilmington residents enjoying the church bell ringing on the hour. On Sunday mornings, someone would ring the bell, summoning townspeople to worship. Ropes hang down in the vestibule, and the person ringing the bell

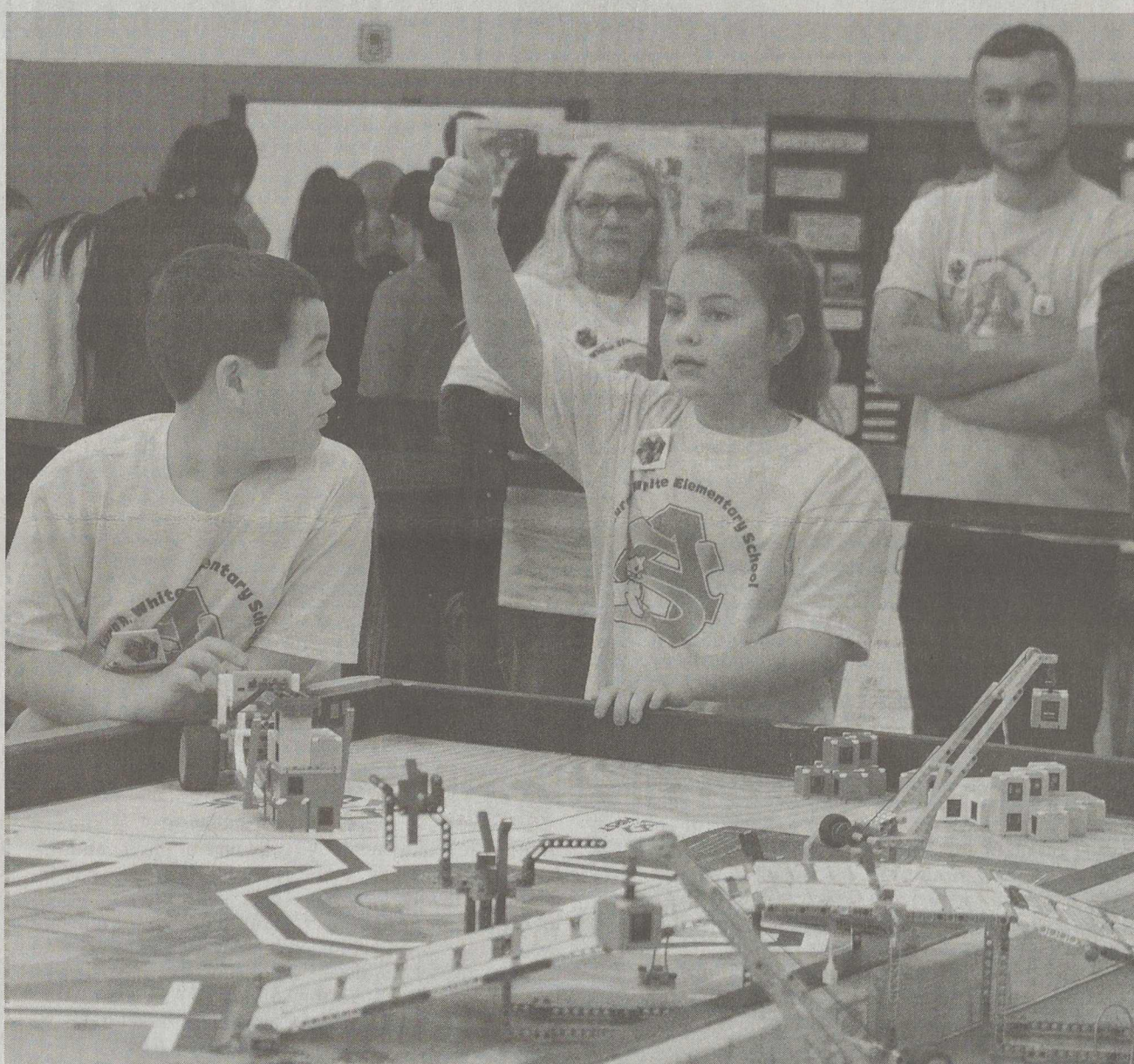


▲ Wilmington Congregational Church, from a church manual, 1914. (Courtesy photo)

would put great effort into grabbing the rope and giving it a great pull. Fascinated children would watch, pleading to try ringing the bell. They usually found that it took great weight and strength to do the job.

The minister of the Congregational Church in 1887 was Rev. Elijah Harmon. The *Globe* article

did not name him, but made reference to the "old and respected" minister. Rev. Harmon was 52 at the time. It is possible that another minister was in the pulpit that day, as the church would usually have a schedule of visiting ministers during the summer. Four previous ministers were alive at the time.



▲ All systems are "go" for fourth-graders Ivan Phillip and Paige Griffin of Ayer Shirley FLL team The Questioners at the Nov. 30 FLL Qualifier Tournament at the Ayer Shirley Regional Middle School. The event was hosted by Ayer Shirley's Andromeda One (#4905) FIRST Robotics team. (Courtesy photo)

MassFIRST offers LEGO education sets to eligible teams

AYER — The Ayer Shirley Regional School District was recently awarded a Massachusetts Skills Capital Grant to help spread STEM learning and build the foundation for a technical workforce of the future. In an effort to further the mission of FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics, a portion of the grant is being used to fund a LEGO Education robotics kit for eligible parents, educators, and/or parent-teacher organizations willing to start a FIRST LEGO League (FLL) Jr. team in towns currently without a FIRST program (including Wilmington).

Over the past four years, Ayer Shirley Regional High School's FRC Team #4905, Andromeda One, has campaigned to bring a FIRST Robotics team to every Massachusetts public school district. High school students and their parent-professional mentors are running this initiative, known as Mass-

FIRST, in the hope that Massachusetts will become the first state in the country to reach this goal.

FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology), was started over 30 years ago by Dean Kamen of New Hampshire as a means of advancing STEM education. It is comprised of four programs covering grades K through 12 - FRC, FTC, FLL, and FLL Jr. - each of which offers annual organized STEM challenges and Cooperitions® to teams around the globe.

Andromeda One is reaching out to Massachusetts superintendents, STEM coordinators, teachers, PTO/PTA groups, and public libraries, seeking like-minded parents and educators to start and run local FLL Jr. teams in their own communities.

Once MassFIRST has identified adults willing to start a team in an eligible town, funds from the grant are used to send them a free materials kit, the LEGO Education

WeDo 2.0 Core Set (a \$204 value).

FLL Jr. teams are typically made up of two to six students from kindergarten through fourth grade. Each team requires a minimum of two adult coaches and an annual registration fee of \$114.

Budding STEM innovators work together to research a real-world problem and propose a solution through a Show Me poster and a working LEGO model. This year's challenge is BOOMTOWN BUILDSM.

Interested parents and educators, in conjunction with your local school district, public library, and/or PTA/PTO, are invited to email massfirstrobotics@gmail.com as soon as possible to receive their free WeDo 2.0 set and additional information on starting a team.

For more information on FLL Jr. please visit www.firstinspires.org/robotics/flljr, and for additional information on MassFirst,

<https://frc4905.com/outreach/massfirst/>.

~ Recycling Tip of the Week ~

Think about ways to recycle water in your home. Extra water in your reusable water bottle? Keep a watering can under the sink and pour in your extra water for your plants. Save your pasta water to steam vegetables. Use cooled pasta water for your garden. Wash veggies over a bowl or colander

and save that water for plants or the garden.

Stormwater Tip of the Week

Consider using fire-place ash or coffee grounds for traction on icy spots instead of chemicals or salt which can wash into streams and ponds and change the salinity.

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Chapter 74 Non-Resident Tuition

Students interested in out-of-district placements under Chapter 74 Vocational Education for an upcoming school year must submit their application to **Tewksbury Public Schools, Christopher Malone, Superintendent**, for the specific school they wish to attend by **April 1st** of the preceding school year. Tewksbury Public Schools reserves the right to reject any application received after that date.

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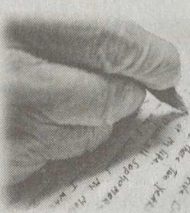
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Letters to the editor

Transportation Climate Initiative just another tax

To the editor:
In recent weeks, there has been a lot of talk on Beacon Hill about the proposed Transportation Climate Initiative (TCI). As a taxpayer, I strongly oppose Massachusetts participating in this misguided proposal.

Make no mistake — the TCI is a tax. The proposal levies a “sin tax” on gasoline, a similar tax to those levied on alcohol and tobacco, which could cost us anywhere from 5 to 17 cents more per gallon of gas. Last time I checked, running to the grocery store, picking the kids up from school, or driving to work is not a “sin,” so Massachusetts should not make it more expensive to do so. And who will end up be-

ing hit the hardest? Working families and small businesses. Working families will be forced to pay higher prices at the pump. Small businesses will suffer as consumers take the short trip over the New Hampshire border to buy cheaper gas, their groceries, and their lottery tickets.

With lawmakers at the State House already talking about a potential gas tax hike this year, we simply cannot afford to burden our families and businesses with another painful, regressive tax. Massachusetts needs to steer clear of the TCI.

Sincerely,
Alec DiFruscia
Tewksbury

One year and a week: from Beacon Hill to Tewksbury

To the editor,
As part of our pledges to you, our neighbors and constituents, I and the state legislative delegation vowed to always be transparent. Which is why after a year of having the great honor of serving Tewksbury in the legislature, I want to bring you up to speed on our local efforts and initiatives that resulted in real, tangible impacts here in our community.

As a graduate of Tewksbury schools, I am proud to report on two great education-related initiatives that our delegation was able to bring to Tewksbury. First, with the approval of the elementary school replacement project at town meeting, we worked with the elementary school building committee, under Dennis Francis's leadership, to champion Tewksbury's project to receive the \$32.7 million in state reimbursement.

This ensures that future school children will enter a school readied for the next generation of learning, while consolidating property, reducing overhead maintenance and busing complications, and addressing four of the most major capital concerns of the district. This was a major win, especially in conjunction with our second education-related success, the passage of the Student Opportunities Act, which increased state aid to local schools, returning tax dollars to our community's classrooms.

The passage of this act, which we all supported, means our district is set to potentially receive millions under the new formula to assist with general and special education, busing, English classes, and more. Our school administration, Chair Keith Sullivan and his school board members, teachers and staff are already planning to put this extra revenue to good use and keep Tewksbury's educational system striving for higher achievements.

Livingston Street was also a special area of focus for us, as we earmarked

funds to improve pedestrian safety and parking as Tewksbury continues to make use of the fields. Perhaps most importantly, the state transferred and finalized the transition of the 35-acre property to Tewksbury, a venture that first began in 1967, concluding a 52-year saga.

Other earmarked funds also brought reimbursement and subsidy for the Tewksbury fire department. These funds were invested in equipment for our first responders and in a new, cherry-red ambulance, which you may see about town as it responds to emergencies.

In addition to the special line-items, we made our voices heard on local aid by bringing back nearly \$3 million dollars in unrestricted state aid, as well as increased road repair funding, putting your taxes to work for you.

Speaking of roads, we've also been hard at work with our local counterparts in addressing Tewksbury's potholes, traffic, and more. You may have seen the new pavement on Route 38, and with the segment of Route 38 from Colonial Drive to Old Boston Road currently under design, as well as the intersections of Route 38, Salem Road, and South Street being addressed, our major thoroughway will improve significantly.

We know there is still work to do, such as advocating for improvements from South Street to Livingston, where the worst traffic occurs, but these conversations among our delegation have begun.

Of course, there is still some work to be done such as pursuing potential federal reimbursement for senior and veterans housing plans, promoting economic development, and more. In coordination with local officials, our Selectboard, and chiefs, I look forward to continue advocating for the place that we call home, and cannot wait to report our next victory to you, our friends, neighbors, and constituents.

Rep. David Robertson

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State House business is long way to completion

By PAUL J. ANDREWS

What a weekend for local *Town Crier* residents as the afternoon temperatures climbed above 70 degrees in the area with the walkers out in droves and the return of the shorts to replace winter attire for the weekend.

Horn Pond in Woburn at the Winchester line was packed with walkers with few if any locations to park, as clusters of walkers made the trek around the popular site, which has become a magnet locally for folks from many area *Town Crier* communities.

To the observer like myself, I was jealous of how well these folks took exercising and great to know how much and how many enjoy the area near the Woburn-Winchester line.

Whenever we folks comment on disagreement with the climate change supporters, these days plus so many other national and international events seem to make the case, as they say.

Legislation — more to do

With the great work by legislators at the statewide level, including our local *Town Crier* officials, especially Alice Peitch and Jason Lewis, we have a major overhaul in the funding for education and the opportunity to “close the gap” as they say for local school budgets. One component of this is that the hope is we do not see a reduction by some communities in the amount of local aid they normally would receive in percentage or dollars for education because of the additional state assistance.

Still to be reviewed at the budget level on Beacon Hill are health care, sports betting, renewable energy, economic development, housing issues, plus many other complicated bills too numerous to state. All of these are complicated issues and will take time to discuss in committee plus receiving input in hearings.

The hidden topic

Yale historian David Blight commented in the Atlantic that “the biggest obstacle to teaching slavery in America is the deep, abiding American need to conceive of and understand our history as ‘progress’ and as the story of a people and a nation that always sought the improvement of mankind, the advancement of liberty and justice and the broadening of pursuits of happiness for all.”

When you really think about the education process, slavery was never given a great deal of emphasis or if it was, I never fully understood it until the media presented some video date like that of former Woburn resident Nick Paleologos with Mississippi Burning, plus other productions. There is no way we can teach American History without including slavery as part of our country and families.

JUST A NOTE AND SOME MORNING PULSE EXTRACTIONS

First, my thanks for



▲ Reps. Katherine Clark (second from right) and Lori Trahan (third from right) at Sudbury-Assabet-Concord River in early January 2020. (Courtesy photo)

US Congress votes to protect Mass. communities from toxic chemicals

WASHINGTON, DC — Vice Chair of the Democratic Caucus Katherine Clark (MA-5) joined the U.S. House of Representatives in passing H.R. 535, the PFAS Action Act, comprehensive legislation that will regulate Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS), clean up toxic contamination, and protect public health. While the Trump White House has rolled back a historic number of environmental regulations, including this week's proposal to gut the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), this is one of many bills that the House has passed to proactively protect the environment and mitigate

the effects of climate change.

“Despite knowing for years that these persistent ‘forever chemicals’ can be found across the country and are linked to life-threatening illnesses, the Trump administration has failed to act. We won't sit on the sidelines while American families fall sick to preventable illnesses due to a lack of commonsense protections,” said Vice Chair Clark. “I am proud to join my Democratic colleagues in taking this proactive step to protect impacted communities and prevent the spread of contamination so that every American has access to clean water.”

PFAS are a class of man-made chemicals that have been linked with adverse health effects including cancer, immune system effects, infertility, and impaired child development. PFAS can accumulate and stay in the human body for long periods of time.

These toxic contaminations have been confirmed in the water of more than 1,400 communities across the United States, including nearly 300 military installations, one of which is Hanscom Air Force Base in the 5th District of Massachusetts.

The PFAS Action Act will:

- Roll back PFAS contamination in the envi-

ronment by requiring cleanup of sites contaminated with PFAS chemicals, setting air emission limits, prohibiting unsafe incineration of PFAS, and limiting the introduction of new PFAS chemicals in consumer and industry products;

- Verify health risks by requiring comprehensive health testing for all PFAS chemicals, reporting of PFAS releases, and monitoring for PFAS in drinking water;

- Limit human exposure to PFAS by instituting a drinking water standard for PFAS that protects public health, including the health of vulnerable groups like pregnant women, infants, and children.

Book Stew Review

‘Jasmine’ by Bharati Mukherjee

By EILEEN MACDOUGALL

This novel of trifurcation follows a young woman from a tiny Punjabi village to Florida, Manhattan, and a farm in Baden, Iowa.

When her husband Prakash is murdered by a terrorist's bomb in a sari shop, 17-year old widow Jyoti manages to gather enough false documents and funds to become contraband on a cargo ship out of Amsterdam.

Landing penniless in the Florida Keys, she kills the rapist ship captain and is rescued by a kind stranger who helps Jyoti to chop off her hair to pay for a green card. In Manhattan, she

morphs into Jasmine, au pair to a Columbia professor, a book editor, and their young daughter.

When Jasmine thinks she sees the terrorist from her hometown selling hot dogs in a city park, she leaves the family and flees across country.

In Iowa, Jasmine becomes Jane to her boss, a middle aged married bank manager who falls in love and divorces his wife to marry her. And this is a mere outline of all the events in her story.

Jyoti/Jasmine/Jane is a dreamy survivor and I reveled in the lyrical, sometimes difficult to follow, non-linear passages and in the dramatic conclusion.

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OBITUARIES

Diane Frances Martin

Worked as a social worker for many years

Diane Frances Martin, age 70, formerly of Wilmington, passed away peacefully on Jan. 12, 2020, at the Newton Wellesley Hospital, after a lengthy illness.

Diane was born on Nov. 6, 1949, in Reading, Pennsylvania; she was the daughter of the late Peter George Martin and Frances Mary (Machiesky) Martin.

She graduated from Wilmington High School, then graduated second in her class at Fisher Junior College. Following the birth of her cherished son, Michael, Diane returned to the University of Massachusetts in Lowell to receive her Bachelor's Degree in Psychology; graduating at Salutatorian.

Diane worked as a social worker for many years after receiving her degree in psychology; she immensely enjoyed helping homeless women and children find permanent housing. She later worked in publishing until her retirement, which coincided with her love of books.

Diane was also an avid traveler; she traveled throughout Europe, yet her favorite trip was to the Holy Land with her dear friend, David. She also

took religious pilgrimages to Mexico and to Medjugorje in Bosnia.

Diane was known for her infectious laugh, great sense of humor and intellect. Diane would say that the best part of her life was raising her son and spending time with her nieces and nephews.

Diane was the devoted mother of Michael Peter Marin of New York City, NY, she was the beloved sister of five siblings: Robert P. Martin and his wife Ondis, and their two children, Michael and Peter all of the Philippines, Mary Ann Marks of Lowell, Thomas A. Martin and his wife Marylee of Derry, NH, Theresa M. Gilbride and her late husband Thomas, and their daughter Elizabeth of Lowell and Katherine M. Martin of Lowell.

She is also survived by many nieces and nephews, whom she loved dearly: Anthony Marks and his wife Neia and their two children Victor and Ricardo, of Peabody, Thomas A. Marks and his wife Rachel, and their two children, Evey and Nathaniel of Louisville, Kentucky; Jessica Diebold and her husband Mathieu, and their son, Simon, of Me-



dia, Pennsylvania.

Family and friends will gather at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rt. 62), Wilmington, on Saturday, Jan. 18 at 10 a.m. followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Thomas of Villanova Church, 126 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington, at 11 a.m. Visiting Hours will be held at the Funeral Home on Friday, Jan. 17 from 5 - 8 p.m.

Donations in Diane's memory may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-9959 or to the Covenant House New York, 550 10th Ave., New York, NY 10018.

www.nicholsfuneralhome.com

Dr. James D. Zieske

Leader in field of corneal wound repair

James D. Zieske, PhD, of Wilmington passed away Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2020, at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston.

He was the beloved husband of Ellen J. (Boardman) Zieske and together they shared 31 years of marriage.

Born in Michigan City, IN he was the son of the late Kenneth and Barbara (Everly) Zieske.

"Jim," as he was affectionately known to his family and friends, was raised in Michigan City, Indiana. He completed his undergraduate studies at Rockford College. He went on to earn his PhD in biological chemistry from the University of Michigan where he also completed a research fellowship.

He subsequently completed a research cornea fellowship at Schepens Eye Research Institute of Mass. Eye and Ear under the mentorship of Ilene K. Gibson, PhD, before joining the Institute as an Assistant Scientist and later rising to Senior Scientist and serving as the Associate Director of Research from 2000 to 2002.

Dr. Zieske was an Associate Professor of Ophthalmology at Harvard Medical School and a member of Harvard Ophthalmology's Cornea Center of Excellence and Ocular Regenerative Medicine Institute. He was a Senior Scientist at Schep-

ens Eye Research Institute of Mass. Eye and Ear.

Dr. Zieske's research has helped advance the understanding of the mechanisms involved in corneal wound repair. His laboratory has published more than 90 peer-reviewed articles in this area. He will fondly be remembered as a generous educator, mentor and for his participation in the Harvard Medical School "Molecular Bases of Eye Disease Training Program" supervising graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and visiting scientist.

He was also a co-organizer of the Biennial Cornea Conference, the premier global cornea and ocular surface academic research conference.

In his leisure time, Jim enjoyed reading, traveling, camping, playing golf, caring for and spending time with his dogs Kelly and Gracie.

In addition to his beloved wife, Ellen, he is survived by his sisters: Kay Borg and her husband Butch of La Porte, IN, and Jane Isaacs and her husband George of Elburn, IL.

He was the loving brother-in-law of Jerry Boardman, Bonnie Boardman, Jane Bronson, Susan Deslauriers, Paul Boardman, Sheila McCarthy, Jim Boardman and the late David Boardman.

Cherished uncle of Adam Santos and many more



loving nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be conducted in the Dello Russo Family Funeral Home, 374 Main St., WILMINGTON, Wednesday, Jan. 22 at 10 a.m. followed by a prayer service beginning at 11 a.m. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in memory of James "Jim" D. Zieske can be made to the Schepens Eye Research Institute to support Cornea Research. Please make checks payable to Schepens Eye Research Institute and mail to Schepens Eye Research Institute c/o Development Office, 243 Charles St. Boston, MA 02114 or online at <https://ssl.charityweb.net/schepens/> or to the National Kidney Foundation of MA, RI, NH & VT, 85 Astor Avenue, Suite 2, Norwood, MA 02062.

To leave an online message of condolence please visit www.dellorusso.net

Gerard E. Otis

Served in the United States Army Reserves

Gerard E. Otis, 75, of Searsport, ME formerly of Massachusetts, passed away Jan. 6, 2020, at his residence.

He was born July 4, 1944 in Boston, the son of the late Albert and Sarah (McLaughlin) Otis.

He served in the United States Army Reserves.

Services will be held pri-

vately at the convenience of the family.

Memories and condolences may be shared with the family at www.ripofstafh.com

Debra M. Provencher

Funeral Service this Saturday in Florida

Debra M. Provencher, 60, a Fort Myers, FL resident since 1990 passed away suddenly on Thursday, Jan. 9, 2020 in Fort Myers, FL.

She was born in Newburyport on June 5, 1959.

Debra was such a genuinely kind and caring person. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Debra is survived by her loving father, Edward Howard Provencher of Fort Myers, FL; one aunt, Janet Lee Provencher; two nieces, Monica Marie Provencher and Jessica Lee Provencher; as well as many many adored friends.

A Funeral Service will be

celebrated 3 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 18, 2020 at Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home, 1589 Colonial Blvd., Ft. Myers, FL. Friends may come and visit with the family from 1 p.m. until the service time at 3 p.m.

Family has asked for anyone wanting to send flowers to use Fort Myers Florist, 239-931-0506 and their website is www.fmflorist.com

Arrangements for final care have been entrusted to Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home, 1589 Colonial Boulevard, Fort Myers, Florida 33907, (239) 936-0555. To share a



story or photo, leave a tribute or to offer a condolence at this difficult time please visit www.fortmyersmemorial.com and sign the guestbook.

Tewksbury to receive \$139,000 IT grant

TEWKSBURY — Senator Barry Finegold, Representative Tram Nguyen, and Representative David Robertson are announcing, along with Governor Baker and Lieutenant Governor Polito, that the Town of Tewksbury will receive \$139,000 from the Community Compact IT Grant program. The funds will allow the town to install a simulcast system to improve public safety radio communication within municipal buildings.

The Community Compact IT Grant is a competitive grant program aimed at investing in technology at the local level to drive innovation. This partnership between the Baker-Polito Administration and city and town governments to implement IT increases government efficiency and accessibility to residents, and in this case, enhances public safety.

Currently, the town's public safety radio system operates only in analog mode and the signal only re-transmits

over one repeater. With this grant, new simulcast technology will provide better coverage and signal strength throughout the community, as well as neighboring communities. The public safety of the town is both a priority and a point of pride for local officials, and this upgrade will only strengthen their ability to improve the safety of the town and its residents.

When the state legislative delegation received word that the grant was being awarded to the Town of Tewksbury, Sen. Finegold remarked, "Our public safety officials work tirelessly to ensure the safety of this community and to protect the residents of Tewksbury. We must equip them with the best technology and resources to do that, and I'm grateful the Baker-Polito Administration is helping to make that possible through this grant program."

Rep. Nguyen stated it is "wonderful to start the new year with exciting

news that the Town of Tewksbury has been awarded the Community Compact IT Grant that will help the town serve our residents more efficiently and effectively. This important grant will allow Tewksbury to invest in the best possible public safety technology there is to increase safety in our community. I want to thank the Baker Administration for supporting grants like these that help keep Massachusetts at the forefront of innovation."

"This money will go to great use in Tewksbury," added Rep. Robertson. "Along with the money that Rep. Nguyen, Senator Finegold and myself secured for our new ambulance and other equipment, Tewksbury's first responders will start this decade stronger than ever before. Our men and women are of the finest quality, and this simulcast support will allow them to react better and faster serving our town."

Senator Finegold office hours

TEWKSBURY — Senator Barry Finegold and members of his staff will hold office hours in Tewksbury during the month of January. There will be two separate sessions in the com-

munity to provide different options for constituents to stop by. Office hours will be held at the following locations and times.

• **Tewksbury Library**
Tuesday, Jan. 28 from

7 - 8 p.m.

• **Tewksbury Senior Center**
Tuesday, Jan. 28 from 10 - 11 a.m.

Zoning Bylaw Committee public presentations

TEWKSBURY — The Town of Tewksbury's Zoning Bylaw Committee will conduct public presentations on the proposed changes to the zoning bylaw on the following dates:

• Tuesday, Jan. 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the Main Hall at Town Hall, 1009 Main St.
• Wednesday, Jan. 15 at 10 a.m. at the Senior Cen-

ter, 175 Chandler St.

• Thursday, Jan. 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the Main Hall at Town Hall, 1009 Main St.

The presentation will include a brief discussion of the proposed changes. There will be an opportunity for public comment relative to the proposed draft zoning bylaw follow-

ing the presentation.

Relevant materials can be found on the Committee's webpage at <http://www.tewksbury-ma.gov/zoning-bylaw-committee>.

For further information, please contact Steve Sadwick at 978-640-4370.

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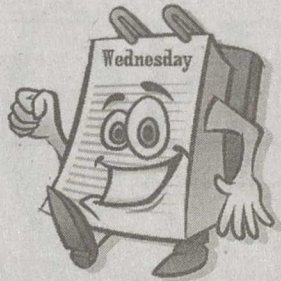
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Community Calendar

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Wilmington Calendar:

Valentine Sweetheart Dance on Saturday, Feb. 8

Northeast Erg Sprints
Saturday Jan. 25 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Merrimack College Sakowich Center in North Andover

The event features dashes, relays, and team events. For individuals, there will be 2k, 1k, and 1'. For teams, there will be 2x, 4x, and relays. Rowers from clubs, high schools, and colleges are welcome as well as athletes and fitness teams. All skill levels are welcome, kick off your winter season with an indoor regatta.

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Saturday Feb. 8 from 6 p.m. - p.m.

Wilmington Dance Academy, 335 Main St.

Join the Wilmington Dance Academy for their 6th annual Valentine Sweetheart Dance at 335 Main Street. Tickets are \$30 per couple and \$10 for each additional child. The event is for children up through third grade. Join them for a fun filled night of music, dance, crafts, and snacks. The little ones can pick their special partner: father/daughter, mother/son, or any special adult. The Event is sponsored by the WDA performance team dancers. Tickets are sold at Wilmington Dance Academy; please call 978-253-4598 to register.

Fusion Theater
Tuesdays starting Jan. 7 from 7:30 p.m. - 9:45 p.m.
Fusion Theater, 125 Mt. Hope St. in Lowell

Fusion Theater has opportunities and challenges for all levels of singers. Even if you have never sung with a group before, as long as you can carry a tune and follow your part, they can teach you most of what else you need to know. While reading music is a plus, many of their members don't read music and learn the repertoire by listening to recorded learning media. Practice runs 7:30 p.m.-9:45 p.m. then fellowship until 10:15 p.m. Please contact gentlemensongsters@gmail.com for further information.

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Aldersgate Church, 235 Park St. in North Reading
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Knights of Columbus Cribbage
Mondays through March 2020 from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Wilmington Knights of

Columbus, 112 Middlesex Ave.

The Wilmington Knights of Columbus is hosting Cribbage games every Monday night through the end of March 2020. The games are open to the general public (over 21) and begin promptly at 7 p.m. and generally finish up around 9 p.m. All skill levels are welcome. There is a small entrance fee and cash prizes are awarded every week. The club has wide screen TVs so that you can keep track of your favorite teams. A cash bar is available for those who would like refreshment. The building is located behind St. Thomas church and can be reached by the small access road behind the church parking lot. Access to the building is through the entrance at the rear of the parking lot. If you have any questions, please call Bob at 978-851-4985. If he does not answer the phone, please leave a message and he will get back to you.

Celebrate Recovery
Tuesdays from 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Lowell Assembly of God, 995 Andover St. in Tewksbury

Celebrate Recovery offers a free, faith-based addiction recovery program. For more information, call 978-851-9800.

Alateen
The first and third Thursday of each month
St. Williams Church (mid-

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When there is evidence of alcoholism or drug use in a family, you can see the effects on the other family members, especially young people. Alateen meetings provide mutual support for young people affected by someone else's drinking and drug use. Come speak with teens who know exactly how you feel. The meetings are confidential and a safe place to share experiences, strength, and hope with each other; discuss difficulties; learn effective ways to cope with problems; encourage one another; help each other understand the principles of the Al-Anon program; and learn how to use the Twelve Steps and Alateen's Twelve Traditions. For more information on the Tewksbury meeting, call Maria Ruggiero at 978-851-7373 X352. For more information on Alanon/Alateen, call 508-366-0556 or visit al-anon.alateen.org/for-alateen.

Safety seat installation
Every Wednesday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Public Safety Building, 1 Adelaide St.

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- 6 Load-hoisting device
- 11 Toughen by exposure
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- 18 Galleon cargo
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- 21 Assistance
- 22 Ration out
- 23 — St. Laurent
- 25 Call out
- 28 Shake off
- 30 Blind reader's letters
- 31 Tend the garden
- 32 Grassy surface
- 33 "Call" of song
- 35 Roughly
- 37 Dazzle
- 38 Perched

DOWN

- 40 — spumante
- 41 Grass skirt go-with
- 42 Like some hours
- 43 Shaggy-haired ox
- 46 Stock holder
- 48 Did not cook (2 wds.)
- 50 Mystery
- 54 Bounded along
- 55 Use a prayer rug
- 56 Kuwaiti leaders
- 57 Insurance worker

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- 1 Tend the garden
- 2 Collection of tales
- 3 Snip off
- 4 Released violently
- 5 Prefix for "trillion"

DOWN

- 6 Sidekick
- 7 Undergo decomposition
- 8 Combat material
- 9 "Faint heart — won't"
- 10 Therefore

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- 11 Himalayan legend
- 12 That senora
- 13 Ration
- 14 Weeping noisily
- 15 Become bored or weary
- 16 Sturdy lock
- 17 Minute quantity
- 18 Military cap
- 19 Cattle chews
- 20 Composer Paul
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- 22 Opposite of haw
- 23 Chess pieces
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MacNeil, Tenaglia participate in Assumption College SEND program

WORCESTER — During the month-long winter break, nearly four dozen students participated in a week-long service immersion trip through Assumption College's SEND program. Five groups of students volunteered at a number of nonprofits from Baltimore to Tuscaloosa.

The students worked with a variety of organizations, including Catholic Charities, FaithJustice, Habitat for Humanity, L'Arche, and Romero Center Ministries in the communities of Baltimore, MD; Camden, NJ; Trenton, NJ; Tuscaloosa, AL; and Washington, D.C. Local students who participated in one of

these trips include: Colleen MacNeil of Tewksbury, Class of 2021. MacNeil was a member of the group that traveled to Baltimore. Through the Urban Plunge Retreat, Catholic Charities provided students with an opportunity to provide care and services to improve the lives of Marylanders in need.

Throughout the week, students served meals in a soup kitchen, spent time with people at an emergency shelter, and learned to cherish the dignity in all.

Carla Tenaglia of Tewksbury, Class of 2021. Tenaglia was a member of the group that traveled to Washington, DC, to work

with L'Arche, an interdenominational Christian community that welcomes people of all backgrounds to share life together. Students worked with individuals who reside in L'Arche's four communal homes, as well as the organization's 16 members who have intellectual disabilities.

The College's SEND Service Immersion Program, established in 1986 by the Office of Campus Ministry, provides students the opportunity to serve those in need while growing spiritually and personally. During one of 11 trips offered throughout the year, students — accompanied by faculty, staff or alumni — make a

meaningful difference in the communities in which they serve by working and volunteering alongside fellow students.

In addition to winter break, students also have the opportunity to participate in week-long SEND trips as part of an alternative spring break in March or during summer break.

The SEND Immersion Program instills in students a desire to use one's gifts and knowledge to impact the community, a cornerstone of the Assumption mission. Learn more about Assumption's robust Campus Ministry program by visiting <http://www.assumption.edu/campus-life/campus-ministry>.

Founded in 1904 by the Augustinians of the Assumption in Worcester, Mass., Assumption College is a Catholic liberal arts institution that offers undergraduate students 33 majors and 49 minors in the liberal arts, sciences, business, and professional studies; as well as master's and continuing education degrees and professional certificate programs — each through an educational experience that is grounded in the rich Catholic intellectual tradition.

The curriculum enables students to gain a depth and breadth of knowledge that leads to professional success and personal fulfillment. Students — whe-

ther on the Worcester campus or at the College's Rome, Italy, campus — become engaged participants in Assumption's classic liberal arts education, exploring new ideas and making connections across disciplines.

To prepare for the workforce, students learn cutting-edge theory and best practices, conduct innovative research, and develop excellent communication and critical-analysis skills. Assumption graduates are also known for their thoughtful citizenship and compassionate service to their community.

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Lifestyle

Oscar night has several Massachusetts connections

By HEATHER BURNS
News Correspondent

Amidst the long, cold gloom, which we affectionately refer to as “winter in New England,” there sparks a bright, golden light known as Oscar season.

It is a time of year when everyone's attention focuses on all that really doesn't matter for just one night. Oh yes, there are the awards given out by The Academy for best performances, screenplays, costume design and so on, but it is really about the pomp and circumstance of the Academy Award Show.

What celebrity is wearing what designer's dress, who said what on the red carpet, who forgot to mention their

spouse in their acceptance speech, and of course, best and worst dressed.

The drama of the awards night can sometimes make the drama on the silver screen pale in comparison, but that is the magic of Oscar night.

This year's Oscar nominations were announced on Monday, Jan. 13, to much fanfare and some controversy.

The buzz this year is that once again there is an obvious omission of women nominations in the male dominated directing category. This point will be debated in the media for the weeks leading up to Oscar night when we will watch it play out on live TV, which is part of the magical lure of watching the Academy Awards year after year.



▲ Champagne

For those of you that feel that the down to earth lifestyle of New England is a far cry from the twinkling marquee lights of Tinseltown, think again.

Massachusetts is the home state of dozens of Hollywood celebrities, including many Academy nominated and winning actors.

Boston is the home of box

office and Oscar heavy hitters like Ben Affleck, Casey Affleck, Matt Damon, and Mark Wahlberg.

There is also Newton native, eight time Academy Award nominee and two time winner, Jack Lemmon.

Then you have Malden native and Best Supporting Actor winner Jack Albertson, and Wareham born Academy Award winner Geena Davis.

Walter Brennan and Estelle Parsons are both from Lynn and have collectively won four Oscars.

Originally from Acton, Steve Carell was nominated for Best Actor Oscar in 2015.

The Academy's reach even comes as close as Lowell, which is also rich in Oscar gold.

Lowell born Nancy Kelly was nominated for Best Actress Oscar in 1956 and Lowell native Olympia Dukakis won an Oscar in 1988 for her performance in “Moonstruck.”

Hollywood royalty Bette Davis was also born in Lowell. Davis received 11 Oscar nominations, winning Best Actress in 1936 for her performance in “Dangerous,” and in 1939 for her role in “Jezebel.”

The home and birthplace of this Hollywood legend still stands today at 22 Chester St. Although it is a private residence that is occupied, a commemorative plaque hangs on the front of the home for fans to note and admire.

The film “Little Women” has been nominated for several awards this year, and was filmed entirely on location in Massachusetts, giving us yet another Massachusetts tie to the Oscars.

Now that you are feeling the Massachusetts connection to the Academy Awards, it is time to start preparing



▲ Decorations

(Heather Burns photos)

for the Oscars.

You can start to frequent the movie theater or streaming the nominated movies, so you will have your favorites to root for at award time.

If you would like to investigate the Short Film category of the Oscars in order to have an educated prediction for the winners, just take a quick trip to New Hampshire.

For the 15th consecutive year, The Loft, located at 131 Congress St. in Portsmouth, NH is presenting the 2020 Oscar Nominated Short Films starting on Saturday Feb. 1 through Thursday, Feb. 6. Each day a different category will be featured: Animated, Live Action and Documentary.

When it comes to Oscar night, the parties are really what it's all about. The most famous “after parties” are hosted by Vanity Fair, Elton John, In Style Magazine, and Amazon Studio, just to name a few.

If your name doesn't happen to appear on any of the guest lists, then try hosting your own Oscar Party by watching the Academy Awards Show with family and friends.

Start with the decorations. Oscar gold is the color theme, so just run with it: Balloons, paper products, anything gold. Use leftover Christmas balls and garlands to fill clear vases and bowls for a festive and affordable effect.

Many Oscar decorations are available both online and in party stores to help you get your Hollywood glam on.

Don't forget to greet your guests at the door with the “proverbial red carpet.” Buy a sample piece of red carpet

at a home improvement store, or simply use a red tablecloth or a piece of red fabric just to set the mood.

Pre-print an Oscar ballot and have each guest fill it out with their winner predictions before the show starts. Award small prizes to the person(s) who predict(s) the winners.

Champagne is a must for an Oscar party and there are many fun and easy recipes that incorporate champagne flavor available online.

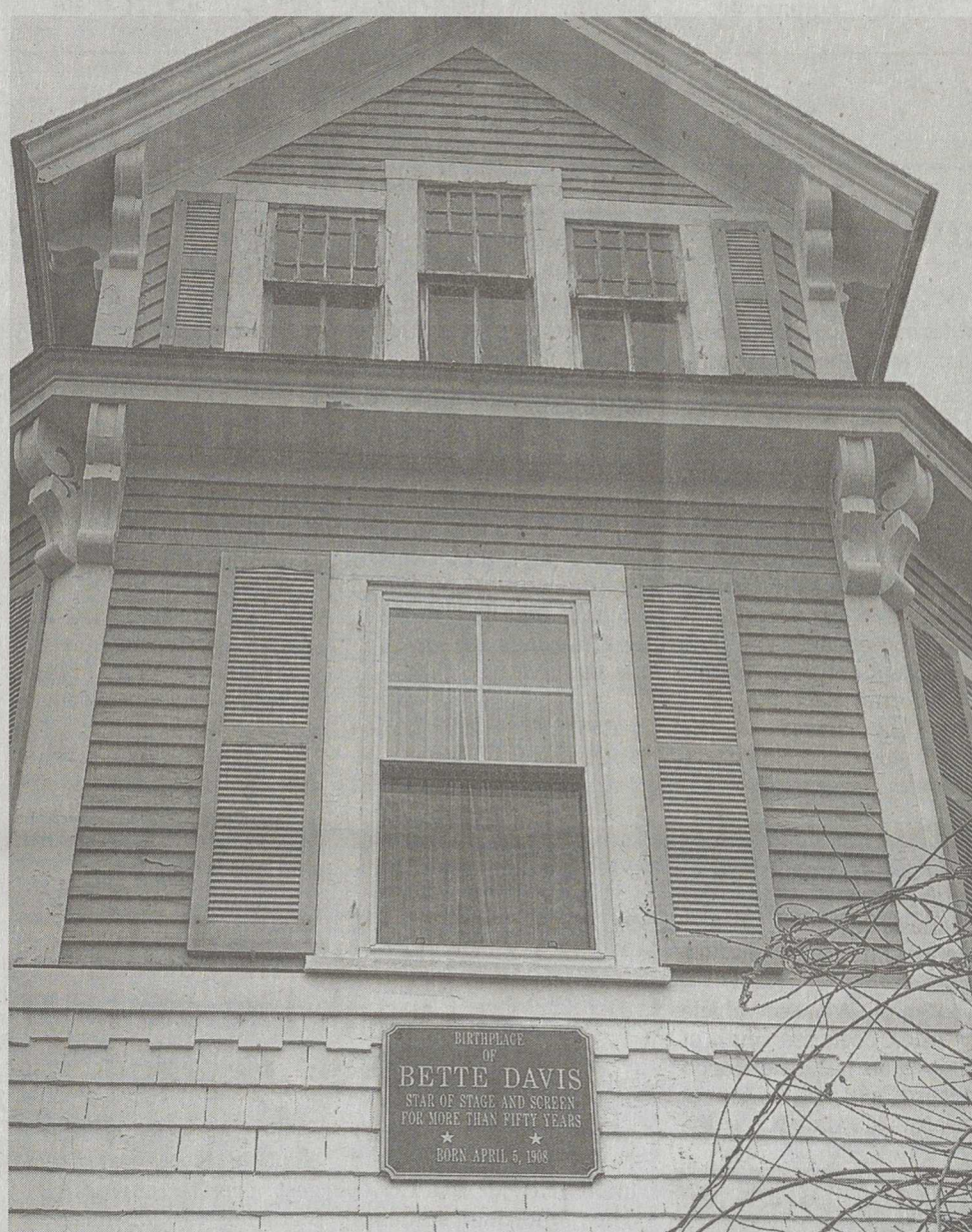
Have fun with easy to make Champagne Jello Shots, Pink Champagne Truffle Bites, or Confetti Champagne Cocktails.

For dessert try Movie Popcorn Cupcakes, Red Wine Brownies, or Golden Oscar Cookies.

Between red carpet coverage and the actual award show, it is a long night. Schedule your food to come out of the kitchen in increments, so there is a steady flow of new snacks throughout the show.

For those of us still reeling from the fact that the Patriots will not be in the Super Bowl this year, maybe the Oscars can fill a small void of the missing Super Bowl party. Louisa May Alcott's “Little Women” may not be Tom Brady's Patriots, but who among us doesn't enjoy rooting for the local underdogs? Anyway, it is fun reason to celebrate with friends and family on a cold winter's night.

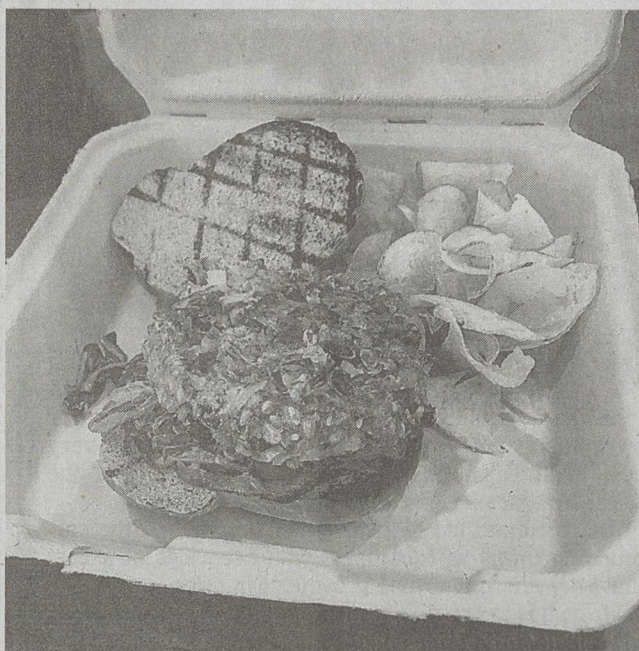
The 92nd Academy Awards Show airs live Feb. 9, 2020 at 8:30 EST. For more Oscar night recipes, visit www.delish.com. For more Oscar night party ideas visit www.bhg.com/host-an-oscar-party.



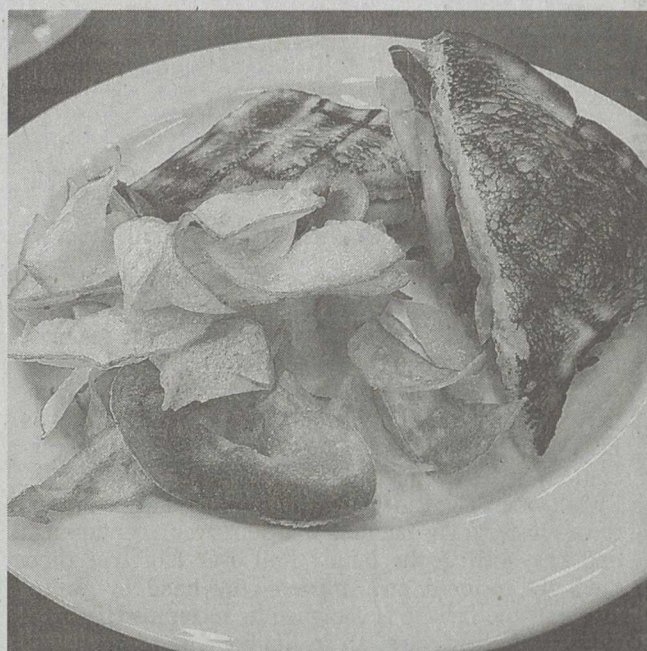
▲ Bette Davis house in Lowell



▲ The Mediterranean marinated chicken was juicy, and served with a pile of vegetables on a soft bed of pilaf.



▲ The Vegetastic! veggie burger came with a side of rustic potato chips.



▲ The BLT was grilled to perfection, and the bacon, lettuce, and tomato were all crispy. Rustic potato chips filled out the plate.

(Rosalyn Impink photos)

Lunch with a side of history in Lexington

By ROSALYN IMPINK
News Correspondent

TEWKSBURY — With industrial metal chairs, wooden architecture, and potted succulents on the tables, the District is the type of restaurant one might expect to find in a chic downtown setting, rather than inside a technical high school. In this case, the snappy eatery may be found at Minuteman Technical High School in Lexington.

Minuteman Tech, like many area vocational schools, maintains a fully functioning restaurant, open to the public, to provide real world experience to its culinary

students.

Technical high school eateries are a hidden gem for those who can sneak away during the week for lunch, boasting freshly made meals, charming service, and value pricing.

Recently, a friend and I visited the restaurant, just a short distance off I-95. Reservations are suggested. Upon being seated, we were served a basket of student-made bread that was warm, delicate, and flaky. The vegetable soup was flavorful and the garden salad was bright and appealing.

Entrees included several options, such as braised short ribs, broiled salmon,

and a caprese panini. We opted for the Mediterranean marinated chicken, a BLT, and the Vegetastic! veggie burger.

Service was attentive and our food arrive promptly. The chicken was juicy and the vegetables were well cooked, served on a bed of rice pilaf. The BLT was crisp in all its elements, and a side of hand-cut rustic potato chips rounded out the plate.

We took the veggie burger to go, and our server boxed it up and had it ready for us when we left; the burger was delicately placed on top of a pile of bright purple shredded cabbage, the bun had

beautiful grill marks, and the burger was flavorful.

The desserts were inexpensive, so we opted to try both, which turned out to be an excellent decision. Delivered with a professional-grade presentation was a slice of applesauce cake with a spiced whipped cream, and a chocolate chip cheesecake torte with an artistic chocolate design on top.

The cake was moist and flavorful, and the whipped cream was enhanced with nutmeg and cinnamon. The cheesecake was perfectly portioned — rich without being overwhelming. The chocolate chips made for a

nice surprise and added character.

Service was also high quality. Students wore matching uniforms for a classy touch. Our waiter was polite, prompt, and returned several times to check that we were enjoying our meal; he explained that when he graduates from Minuteman, he would like to enlist in the Navy to be a chef.

For the quality and quantity of food, the price truly cannot be beat. The restaurant also offers a number of boxed salads and bakery treats.

To get some exercise after your meal, the Battle Road at Minuteman National

Historical Park is a quick drive across the street. This neatly groomed path is accessible to walkers of all ages, is stroller and bike friendly, and takes visitors step by step through the history of the beginnings of the American Revolution.

Since the District is only open during school hours, make sure to bring a photo ID to enter the building. They offer table service Tuesday through , a buffet on Fridays and are closed on Mondays. For days of service and reservations, visit their website at <https://www.minuteman.org/Page/129> or call 781-861-6500 x1076.



Tewksbury Police Log

Tewksbury resident arrested on two counts of possession

Monday, January 6

6:05 a.m. - Police out at Motel 6 attempting to serve a warrant. Vandary Seng, 27, of 7 Maple Ave. in Chelmsford, was arrested and charged with Dedham District Court default warrant.

10:06 a.m. - Caller at South Street and McLaren Road reported a syringe on the sidewalk. Police sent and confiscated the item.

4:57 p.m. - A 911 caller reported two males in the area of David Morris Road. When they saw the caller, they went into the woods behind a grey house. Police sent. They spoke to the homeowner who stated all appeared to be in order.

5:29 p.m. - Owner of the motor vehicle reported possible stolen plate from Jill's Way. Police spoke with the parties.

Tuesday, January 7

7:15 a.m. - A stray dog walked down the street at

Main Street. Animal Control notified. Officer returned with the dog.

8:48 p.m. - The caller was bitten by her neighbor's dog earlier today at Merimack Meadows Lane and treated at Lowell General. Caller did not wish to speak with an officer and will follow up with the Animal Control tomorrow.

Wednesday, January 8

6:18 a.m. - Police out at Towanda Road attempting to serve a warrant. Richard Madison, 18, of 13 Manor Drive in Groveland, was arrested and charged with a warrant for possession class B drugs and a warrant for vandalize property.

10:17 a.m. - Caller stated that he was a bail bondsman from New Hampshire and he had tracked a female with a warrant at Motel 6. Police sent. Ana Craddock, 35, of 224 Wilder St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with fugitive from justice on a court

warrant.

10:21 a.m. - Police were returning with one under arrest at Saunders Building State Hospital. Joseph Mercer, 41, of 289 Astle St. in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with intimidate witness/juror/police/court official, two counts of possession class B drugs, and creating risk of serious bodily injury or sexual abuse to a child.

11:14 a.m. - Two callers called at Burger King for suspicious activity. Police sent. Michael Chavez, 50, of 701 Bennington St. in Boston, was arrested and charged with a warrant for violate.

3:14 p.m. - Employee at Prime Cut Hair Salon reported a suspicious male hanging around the area. Police sent. They provided a courtesy transportation.

7:18 p.m. - Caller reported flashlights in the woods at National Grid Energy

Delivery. Gas company was contacted and the employee were conducting tours with the flashlights.

Thursday, January 9

9:30 a.m. - Two black dogs ran loose at Judique Road. Police notified and would respond to the area. Animal Control reported the owner was surrendering the two dogs to animal control.

10:50 a.m. - Owner of Wings Auto reported her exterior motion alarm went off. The business was closed today. She requested an officer check. Police sent. The business was secure.

5:25 p.m. - Police out at Holiday Inn attempting to serve a warrant. Robert Dussault, 52, of 112 Woburn St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with receiving stolen motor vehicle, and a warrant for conspiracy to violate drug laws.

Friday, January 10

10:23 p.m. - Caller reported a loud party at Balsam Place. Police sent. The parties were spoken to; it was children running around in the apartment.

Saturday, January 11

1:10 a.m. - Police out at Route 495 North with a motor vehicle for marked lanes violation. Stedman Carter, 48, of 5 Robinhood St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with OUI liquor, negligent operation of motor vehicle, marked lanes violation, speeding in violation special regulation, and failure to stop/yield.

2:06 p.m. - Loss prevention from Walmart reported a male and a female party in custody. Police sent. Dennis Riley, 57, of 35 Ferry Lane in Lowell, was arrested and charged with shoplifting by price tag tampering and shoplifting by container switching. Irene Boisvert, 60, of 77 Richardson St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with shoplifting by price tag tampering and shoplifting by container switching.

5:59 p.m. - Caller reported she was following a

motor vehicle for quite a distance at Stadium Plaza. Operator was going over the center line and very close to the side of the road and other vehicles. Police sent. Operator went inside Market Basket. They reported they were clear.

Sunday, January 12

2:28 a.m. - A 911 caller believed someone was trying to get into their house at Rockingham Drive. Police sent. All appears normal. A motor vehicle was out front with the trunk wide open. The son had vehicle over a friends house. Trunk open believed to be an oversight.

2:31 a.m. - A suspicious vehicle in the parking lot at Wood Haven Senior Living. Police sent. They spoke to party; the party was asleep before taking more Lyft fares.

6:34 p.m. - Caller reported an erratic driver driving erratically at Main Street and Chandler Street. Police sent but could not locate.



Wilmington Police Log

Vehicle destroys Exit 41 sign early Sunday morning

Monday, January 6:

6:27 a.m.: A woman reported that her Mercury Milan was egged overnight. She told police that she had thought she heard running when she entered her home the night before, but at that time she did not notice whether the vehicle was egged.

11:48 a.m.: A Jeep Grand Cherokee struck a traffic cone at a construction zone on Glen Road. The driver paid for the damage.

Tuesday, January 7:

3:27 p.m.: A Ford Taurus rear ended a Nissan Altima in front of the library on Middlesex Avenue.

9:57 p.m.: The Fire Department responded to a carbon monoxide detector activation on Strout Avenue.

Wednesday, January 8:

9:54 a.m.: Police assisted in cleaning up a gravel spill in the intersection of Salem Street and Middlesex Avenue.

4:16 p.m.: A High Street resident's Toyota Corolla was hit by a car while parked in his driveway overnight. The other vehicle may have been turning around in the driveway.

8:50 p.m.: Police notified Verizon of a wire on Molloy Road hanging lower than six feet above the ground.

10:31 p.m.: Police notified Amtrak that the railroad guard arms at the track on Clark Street were not going down despite the bells going off. At the time, a train was due to go through the intersection

in three minutes.

Thursday, January 9:

8:29 a.m.: Police conducted an ALICE safety drill at the Woburn Street School.

4:11 a.m.: A Ford Transit hit a rock wall on Chestnut Street. The driver told police that a small blue sedan had run him off the road and continued toward Woburn.

6:02 p.m.: The Water Department responded to a break in the water main on Lucaya Circle after the street was flooded.

Friday, January 10:

9:18 a.m.: The Mass Highway, Woburn Police, and Wilmington Police Departments rerouted traffic around Cook Avenue for a home chimney fire. A cat

had to be taken to the Mass Veterinary Hospital for injuries sustained in the fire.

2:26 p.m.: A pole at the intersection of Ballardvale Street and Avalon Drive snapped in a collision between a Chevrolet Silverado and a GMC Sierra. One of the trucks could not move until it could be ensured the pole would not collapse further and do more damage if it did. The driver of the GMC was cited for failure to yield.

5:24 p.m.: State police and the Wilmington Fire Department aided two parties trapped in a vehicle after a rollover on I-93.

6:23 p.m.: A motor vehicle collision occurred south of Exit 39 on I-93. The Honda Accord had to be towed, but the Mazda CX7 in the

incident did not. No one was injured.

6:29 p.m.: A Subaru Crosstrek and a Nissan Altima were in a collision at the intersection of Lowell Street and Woodland Road. No one was injured in the collision.

Saturday, January 11:

11:05 a.m.: A Hyundai Sonata and a GMC Sierra were towed after a collision at the intersection of Shawsheen Avenue and Nichols Street. The vehicles' airbags deployed in the incident.

12:54 p.m.: While parked at Ristuccia Arena on Main Street, a parked Ford F-350 was struck in a hit and run. Witnesses identified the other vehicle.

cle, a Toyota 4Runner, by its license plate.

11:38 p.m.: A mailbox on Marcus Road was knocked over at some point since 6 p.m.

Sunday, January 12:

1:50 a.m.: The sign for Exit 41 was destroyed by a vehicle.

2:28 a.m.: A Toyota Camry Solara rolled over on Ramp 41.

2:51 a.m.: Police notified Mass Highway of a large tree limb blocking Main Street by Jimmy's Garage.

2:03 p.m.: A motor vehicle collision occurred at Starbucks on Main Street involving a Honda Accord and a Honda HR-V.

11 students named to Dean's List at Univ. of New England

BIDDEFORD AND PORTLAND, MAINE | TANGIER, MOROCCO — The following students have been named to the Dean's List for the 2019 fall semester at the University of New England. Dean's List students have attained a grade point average of 3.3 or better out of a possible 4.0 at the end of the semester.

TEWKSBURY
Carolyn Curley
Tyler Ferrin
Riley Frost
Sean Keeley
Ryan Manson
Michaela Svendsen

WILMINGTON
Ryan Arbuckle
Olivia Cigna
Molly Foley
Benjamin Pastore
Abygail Shedd

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The power of a kiss

WILMINGTON — A couple of loose bucks from your wallet or a handful of spare change thrown in a jar labeled "Kiwanis Kiss Day" will go a long way. What type of a significant impact can this really make?

Granted, receiving a Hershey's Kiss in gratitude from the Kiwanian is a nice touch the week before Valentine's Day but it might make you wonder where the money actually goes.

In recent years contributions to Kiwanis have directly supported their mission to fund scholarships. Students in Wilmington will be entering college or trade schools soon. In the past four years Wilmington Kiwanis has awarded scholarships to students who are currently studying at Assumption, Salem State, Westfield State, Bos-

ton College, UMass Amherst, UMass Lowell, Bryant, and Merrimack.

The Kiwanis KISS Day will be held on Saturday, Feb. 8. That morning when you are heading out for a coffee or to do your shopping please keep an eye out for Blue Aproned Kiwanians and volunteers collecting contributions for the charity drive. Kiwanians will be at many locations, including Market Basket, Heavenly Donuts, Lucci's, and Elia's.

100 percent of the contribution will directly support the charity account and more specifically 2020 scholarship funding thanks to the corporate sponsors Lucci's Market, Susan's Kitchen, Align Credit Union, Heavenly Donuts, State Representative Dave Robertson, TJ's Barber Shop, Strive Fitness, West Real Estate,



▲ Monday evening, at their regular meeting, members of the Wilmington Kiwanis Club put Kiwanis stickers onto over 3,000 Hershey Kisses. They will be given to people on Feb. 8 around town as a reward for making a donation to the Wilmington Kiwanis Scholarship fund. From left are Don Rich, Karen West, Colleen West, Jayne Taylor, Greg Maynard, Steve Connor, and Dennis McCarthy.

Invest in Others, Team Blue ERA Key Realty, Winbrook Promotional, and Market Basket.

So, now you know how a little giving will go a long way in assisting students in town. Show a little love

around the holiday of love and support the inaugural Kiwanis KISS Day event. For more information or

to volunteer that morning with Kiwanis please email: gregory.s.maynard@gmail.com



Winton Club receives check from Mahoney's

▲ Tom Mahoney presents Winton Club President Margaret Bertochi and this year's cabaret producers, Gayle O'Grady and Phyllis Gleason, with a check for the proceeds from their successful 10 percent sales event held at Mahoney's in Winchester on Dec. 4. Tickets are on sale now for "Uncorked," Winton's 100th cabaret (Jan. 28 - Feb. 1) to benefit Winchester Hospital. For tickets, please call (339) 222-2506 or purchase online at www.wintonclub.org.

Tewksbury hosts regional economic development strategy visioning session

TEWKSBURY — The Northern Middlesex Council of Governments (NMCOG) is seeking public input for the Greater Lowell Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) funded by the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA).

When complete, the Greater Lowell CEDS will summarize the economic resources of the region, establish an economic development vision for Greater Lowell, identify goals, and establish a regional Five-Year Action Plan with priority projects to foster continued economic growth and vitality.

The CEDS must also incorporate the concept of economic resilience, e.g. the ability to withstand and recover from economic shifts, natural disasters, and the impacts of climate change. Regions must update their CEDS every five years to qualify for EDA assistance under the Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance programs.

The development of the CEDS document is guided by grassroots public input and stake-

holder feedback.

The Town of Tewksbury and NMCOG and will be hosting a Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) analysis at the Tewksbury Public Library on Tuesday, Jan. 21 from 6 to 8 p.m. to receive input from business owners, residents, workers, local officials and property owners. Your participation will help shape regional projects and priorities that benefit every Greater Lowell community.

A highly inclusive process is vital to the creation of a relevant and effective document. This SWOT session is one of three sessions that NMCOG is holding across the region to receive public input, with an additional session scheduled on Feb. 4, 2020 at the Chelmsford Police Department Community Room from 6 to 8 p.m.

More information can be found at www.nmcog.org/ceds. If you have questions or require additional information, please contact Jeff Owen, Regional Planner, at jowen@nmcog.org.

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Consorti, Rogomentich named to Dean's List at University of Vermont

BURLINGTON, VT — To be named to the dean's list at the University of Vermont, students must have a grade-point average of 3.0 or better and rank in the top 20 percent of their class in their respective college or school. The following students from your area have been named to the dean's list for the fall 2019 semester:

- Joseph Consorti of Wilmington
- Katherine Rogomentich of Wilmington

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TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

SITE PLAN SPECIAL PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **January 27, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Eugene T. Sullivan, Inc. on behalf of **PEPDE Corporation** for a Site Plan Special Permit to construct a 23,300 GSF warehouse addition as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at **600 Woburn Street**, Assessor's Map 3, Lot 82 zoned Westside Neighborhood Business.

The application may be examined in the Community Development Department, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA (978-640-4370 x248), Monday - Friday, 7:30 am - 4:30 pm. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org.

Stephen Johnson, Chairman
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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **January 30, 2020 at 6:30 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by **Kayla Sullivan (nee Peck) on behalf of Kayla A. Sullivan and Marc D. Peck** for a variance from Section 4130, Appendix B for front and side yard setbacks, and a special permit under Section 3651, to increase the existing non-conforming structure, of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw to construct a second story, construct a mudroom within the area of the existing carport, and replace front landing and stairs of the existing single family home as shown on plans filed with this Board. Said property is located at **7 Independence Avenue**, Assessor's Map 99, Lot 51 zoned Residential.

The application may be examined in the Community Development Department, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA (978-640-4370 x248), Monday thru Friday 7:30 am - 4:30 pm. Legal Notice also available on www.masspublicnotices.org.

Robert Dugan, Chairman
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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **January 30, 2020 at 6:30 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on a remand from Middlesex Superior Court regarding **Garrett Berube v. Robert Dugan, et al.**, Town of Tewksbury Zoning Board of Appeals (Docket #1781CV01621) for the purpose of entering into further discussions pertaining to an application filed by **David J. Plunkett, Esq. on behalf of Garrett Berube** for a variance from Section 4130, Appendix B, for lot area and frontage of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw to construct a single-family residence as shown on plans filed with this Board. Said property is located at **67 Hood Road**, Assessor's Map 27, Lot 66, zoned Residential.

The application was originally heard by the Board on April 27, 2017, at which time the application was denied; and such denial is the subject matter of the Superior Court case referenced above.

The application may be examined in the Community Development Department, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA (978-640-4370 x248), Monday thru Friday 7:30 am - 4:30 pm. Legal Notice also available on www.masspublicnotices.org.

Robert Dugan, Chairman
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LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY

REQUEST FOR
QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ)
for Designer Services
For the

Town of Tewksbury DPW and School Maintenance Facility

The Town of Tewksbury ("Awarding Authority") invites qualified applicants to submit proposals to provide designer services for the design, construction, commissioning and construction administration for the Construction of an approximately 49,488 +/- sq. ft. combined DPW and School Maintenance Facility. This RFQ shall be governed by M.G.L. c 7C, §§ 44-58. The duties of the designer shall include, but need not be limited to, providing design services for the schematic, design development, construction document, bidding, construction administration and closeout phases of the project. This shall include cost estimating as well as necessary sub-consultant work. The estimated construction cost of the facility is \$25,100,000.

Proposal documents may be obtained at the Tewksbury Town Manager's Office, Town Hall, 1009 Main Street Tewksbury, MA 01876 from 7:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays or by calling (978) 640-4300. Qualified persons or firms are requested to submit proposals to the Town Manager's Office, Town Hall, 1009 Main Street Tewksbury, MA 01876 no later than Friday February 7, 2020 at 11:00AM. It is the intent of the Awarding Authority to award a contract within sixty (60)

business days after receiving the proposals.

The Awarding Authority will consider only responsive proposals from responsible designers. A responsive proposal is one that complies fully with all minimum criteria and all submission requirements as stated in the Request for Qualifications (RFQ). Proposals must be clearly labeled "Tewksbury DPW/School Maintenance Designer Services". The Town of Tewksbury, through the Town Manager, is the Awarding Authority reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, waive informalities and to award contract as may be in the best interest of the Awarding Authority.

THERE MUST BE NO MENTION OF THE APPLICANT'S FEE IN THE QUALIFICATIONS SUBMISSION. ANY MENTION OF THE FEE WILL SUBJECT THE PROPOSAL TO REJECTION/DISQUALIFICATION.

All inquiries from perspective designers concerning this RFQ must be submitted in writing to:

Town of Tewksbury with copies to PMA Consulting, LLC as the OPM.

Richard Montuori
rmontuori@tewbury-ma.gov
Brian DeFilippis
bdefilippis@pmaconsultants.com

The RFQ will be emailed upon request submitted to rmontuori@tewbury-ma.gov or a hard copy may be viewed at the Office of the Town Manager. The RFQ will be available after 10:00 A.M., Wednesday, January 15, 2020.

The proposed site of the new building is the DPW site, located at 999 Whipple Road, Tewksbury, MA.

The Town of Tewksbury is an equal opportunity employer.
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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN MEETING
WARRANT ARTICLES

Notice is hereby given that Articles submitted by petition for inclusion in the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting to be held May 2, 2020, must be submitted to the Town Clerk's Office, Wilmington Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, no later than 4:30 p.m. on February 7, 2020.

Gregory B. Bendel, Chairman
Board of Selectmen
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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON
PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on February 4, 2020 at 9:20 p.m. in the Town Hall, Auditorium, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for a Site Plan Review #20-03 and Stormwater Management Permit #20-03, plan entitled, "Site Plan, First Choice, Inc., Lot 42 Jonspin Road, Wilmington, MA", dated June 21, 1995 and last revised January 8, 2020, prepared by Eugene T. Sullivan, Jr., P.E., for the property located at 72 Jonspin Road and shown on Assessor's Map R1 Parcel 306F. The proposed project involves the addition of a temporary mobile office trailer to an existing warehouse and office building.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Department of Planning & Conservation and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

Michael Sorrentino, Chair
Wilmington Planning Board
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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON
PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on February 4, 2020 at 9:10 p.m. in the Town Hall, Auditorium, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for a Site Plan Review #20-02 and Stormwater Management Permit #20-02, plan entitled, "Site Plan, 330 Ballardvale Street, Wilmington, MA", dated January 7, 2020, prepared by John P. Judd, P.E., Gateway Consultants, Inc., PO Box 6085, Gloucester, MA 01930, for the property located at 330 Ballardvale Street and shown on Assessor's Map R3 Parcel 29. The proposed project is to construct a 1,445 square foot addition to an existing industrial building and make parking lot changes.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Department of Planning & Conservation and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

Michael Sorrentino, Chair
Wilmington Planning Board
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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF
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THE TRIAL COURT
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Middlesex Probate
and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT TO
G.L. c. 190B, § 5-304 & § 5-405

Docket No. M119P6357PM

In the matter of:
Patricia Sampson
Of: **Tewksbury, MA**
RESPONDENT
(Person to be Protected/Minor)

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Blaire House of Tewksbury John Holt of Tewksbury, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that **Patricia Sampson** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve **With Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective

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TOWN OF WILMINGTON
PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on February 4, 2020 at 8:55 p.m. in the Town Hall, Auditorium, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for a Site Plan Review #20-01, Stormwater Management Permit #20-01, Multi-Family Special Permit #20-01, and Inclusionary Housing Special Permit #20-01 plan entitled, "Site Development Plan, 168 Lowell Street, Wilmington, Massachusetts", dated January 6, 2020, prepared by Douglas E. Lees, P.E., P.L.S., Land Engineering & Environmental Services, Inc., 130 Middlesex Road, Tyngsboro, MA 01879, for the property located at 168 Lowell Street and shown on Assessor's Map 58 Parcel 1. The proposed project is to construct 36 residential units, a looped access drive, and associated site improvements.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Department of Planning & Conservation and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

Michael Sorrentino, Chair
Wilmington Planning Board
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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON
PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on February 4, 2020 at 7:40 p.m. in the Town Hall, Auditorium, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for a Special Permit #20-01 for a Non-Conforming Lot under Chapter 139 of the Acts of 1998, plans entitled, "Proposed Subsurface Septic Disposal System, 11 Forest Street, Wilmington, Massachusetts" dated March 12, 2018, prepared by Luke J. Roy, P.E., LJR Engineering, Inc., 234 Park Street, North Reading, MA 01864; and "Plot Plan, 11 Forest Street, Wilmington, Massachusetts", dated May 19, 2018, prepared by Scott M. Cerato, P.L.S., LJR Engineering, Inc., 234 Park Street, North Reading, MA 01864, for the property located at 11 Forest Street and shown on Assessor's Map 8 Parcel 4. The purpose of this project is to construct a single-family dwelling on an existing non-conforming lot.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Department of Planning & Conservation and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

Michael Sorrentino, Chair
Wilmington Planning Board
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order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 01/21/2020. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. Maureen H. Monks, First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 23, 2019
Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate
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11 students make Dean's List at Lasell University

NEWTON — Students at Lasell University, listed below, were named to the Dean's List for their strong academic performance in fall 2019.

• Julia Masiello of
Wilmington
• Kyra Walsh of
Wilmington
• Beverly Banks of
Wilmington
• Evan Andrews of
Tewksbury

• Gianna Dell'Orfano
of Tewksbury
• Leonardo Frisella of
Tewksbury
• Alyssa Mercurio of
Tewksbury
• Casey DeCost of
Tewksbury
• Andrew Froio of
Tewksbury
• Madison Gallant of
Tewksbury
• Cassidy Phillips of
Tewksbury

16 students make Dean's List at North Shore CC

DANVERS — North Shore Community College President Patricia Gentile is pleased to announce that the students listed below were Dean's List students for the Fall 2019 semester.

Dean's List Honors are awarded to students who have earned six or more semester hours of academic credit with a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.30 or higher.

TEWKSBURY
Samantha Cammarata,
Sarah Larsen, Brian Lewis

WILMINGTON
Raeanne Ayer, Adam Bishop, Francilene Deoliveira, Alaina Desantis, Jenna Lazaris, Rachael Mara, Courtney Maroney, Nicole Rancati, Sharon Rose, Mikaila Russell, Laura Shidlow, Jacob Sultan, Robert Zuk

Michaud, Theodos named to Dean's List at Dean College

FRANKLIN — Dean College is pleased to announce the local students that have earned a place on the Dean's List for the Fall 2019 semester. These students have demonstrated a serious commitment to their studies while at Dean College.

• Sarah Michaud of
Tewksbury
• Alyssa Theodos of
Tewksbury
Founded in 1865, Dean College is a private, residential college located in Franklin Massachusetts, 45 minutes from Boston, Massachusetts, and Providence, Rhode Island.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON
PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on February 4, 2020 at 8:15 p.m. in the Town Hall, Auditorium, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for a Parking Relief Special Permit #20-01, plan entitled, "Proposed Building Addition, 228 Andover Street, Wilmington, Massachusetts", dated November 5, 2019 and revised January 6, 2020, prepared by Andrew M. Pojasek, P.E., Dana F. Perkins, Inc., 105 East Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876, for the property located at 228 Andover Street and shown on Assessor's Map R1 Parcel 18C. The proposed project involves an addition to an existing warehouse building and parking lot restriping.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Department of Planning & Conservation and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

Michael Sorrentino, Chair
Wilmington Planning Board
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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
THE PROBATE AND FAMILY
COURT DEPARTMENT
SALE OF REAL ESTATE
CONSERVATORSHIP-
MAINTENANCE

MIDDLESEX, SS. DIVISION

Docket No. M119P0291PM

SALE OF REAL ESTATE

NOTICE

To all persons interested in the estate of a protected person, **Judith F. Cole of Tewksbury** in the County of Middlesex, a petition has been presented by the conservator, **Jeffrey A. Cole** in the above captioned matter praying for license to sell at private sale — certain real estate situated in Tewksbury in the County of Middlesex for his/her maintenance.

If you desire to object to the allowance of said petition, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Cambridge before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the 3rd day of February, 2020 the return date of this citation.

Witness Hon. Maureen H. Monks, First Justice of said Court, this 6th day of January, 2020.
Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate Court
200046 1/15/20

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND
FAMILY COURT

MIDDLESEX DIVISION

INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

Docket No. M119P6232EA

Estate of:
WALTER C. COLLINS
Also Known As:
Walter Collins
Date of Death:
October 23, 2019

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Patricia Ann Haddad of Salem NH** a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Patricia Ann Haddad of Salem NH has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration of the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
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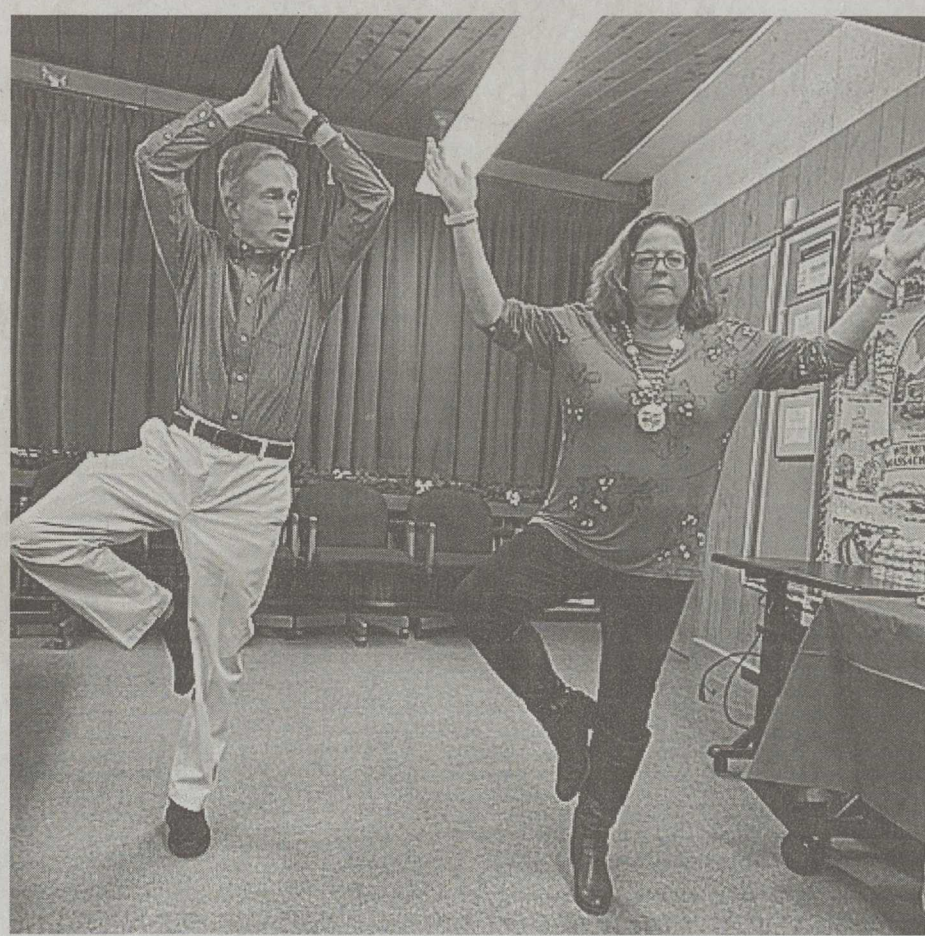
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Happy retirement, Paula Barry!

Paula Barry of the accounting office retires after 20 years. While accepting the Apple from Town Manager Jeff Hull, they broke out in a yoga stance. (Courtesy photo)

Afterschool program at middle school

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afterschool clubs and enrichment. While CARES only goes through 6th grade, ACE is an offering for all middle school students in the Wilmington school system.

Enlisting the help of middle school staff for ideas of courses and for teachers, they've created an after-school program that started in the fall with four classes and has expanded to five classes for the winter.

The winter session currently runs from 1:45 to 3:15 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Parker said that 30 kids signed up for the fall session, and there's 39 or 40 for the winter.

"It's an opportunity for students to have something to do, and to form relationships with their teachers outside of the classroom," she continued. "It's to use

CARES funding to offer things a little outside of the box, hopefully complementing and not competing with after school clubs at the middle school."

ACE also uses a new online registration system called Community Pass, which they plan to expand for all of CARES.

The School Committee then heard a personnel report for the district, which has seen a fair amount of turnover. They mentioned the necessity of introducing exit interviews to see what kinds of trends there are in why staff are leaving, along with the importance of creating good staff culture where people don't want to leave.

Ruggiero spoke again for a fiscal year 2020 financial status report, which maintains about \$1.6 million in positive balance. He also suggested a few motions to move some money around

for lane changes and planned salary increases, and another reallocation for special education — both of which the committee approved.

They next reviewed the Seem Collaborative annual report and discussed piloting electronic packets for the School Committee.

The last decision for the night regarded the superintendent's evaluation, where the committee agreed to place on hold a few evaluation areas, recognizing that work had been done in other areas that closely connected but did not exactly fulfill them as expected.

The meeting ended with subcommittee reports and future important dates like the Jan. 16 Wilmington and WMS Chorus Concert, Jan. 23 Marijuana, Vape, and You session, and midyear exams coming up at the high school.

Board, residents argue over validity of possible affordable unit project

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motion to vote, a resident in the audience made a point of order to recognize that the board was voting before hearing public comment. After Jonathan Silverstein, town counsel, clarified that this vote would be legal, back and forth ended and the project passed in a 4-1 vote.

While hearing public comment later on the topic, the chairman pointed out that public comment is meant to be contained entirely in its scheduled section of the meeting; that experts who would review the project going forward would know what all of the town's requirements were; and that there were other important agenda items to get to.

More resident concerns brought up later in the evening doubted the project's success going forward according to conservation laws and meeting affordable housing requirements. Suzanne Sullivan explained that the current site plan delineation is the same as a previous project in the area that was rejected by the Conservation Commission, ruling that construction needs to be 200 feet from the high water line.

"You'll be lucky to get 70 units there with the conservation requirements," she said. "You could potentially be wasting everyone's time."

Ethan Sawyer added that even adding 108 units could be falling short of the 10 percent affordable housing requirement — and it would be better to include all of the units necessary to hit the 10 percent mark.

The meeting continued with a summary from Substance Abuse Program Coordinator Samatha Reif. Her data referenced a total of 236 referrals to her from the police department in cases of identified mental health or substance abuse concerns. Her highlights included an individual who's accompanied patients to the hospital for mental health concerns to account for a gap in mental health issue communication to hospital staff; a talk on Jan. 23 at St. Thomas church about marijuana and vaping for anyone ages 12 and up; and a 6th grade initiative for a 3-part assembly

series on underage drinking, vaping, and drug use.

Next, the Town Manager brought up a proposal for the annual Town Meeting for the feasibility study and schematic design for a new Town Hall school admin building.

"Many staff aren't able to be located at the current school department location," Jeff Hull shared. "This building is not conducive to public meetings. We want to free up this space for another purpose."

The allocation for this undertaking would be \$955,000.

Residents later questioned the board's priorities, wondering if this would interfere with prioritizing a new Wildwood Street School and a new senior center. However, members of the board assured residents that they're aware of the necessity for the Wildwood and the senior center, but they see the current Town Hall as a space that might be used in either of those long-term projects.

MJ Byrnes mentioned that this proposal was not brought before the School Committee and would want to see more collaboration. This was not voted upon that night.

The board did vote unanimously in favor of the Sons of Italy using the town common parking lot for a car show in July, and to table the recommendations of the Inhabitant By-Law Committee to Jan. 27.

Finally, the board returned to its discussion about a proposal for a new senior center to be placed on the Town Meeting warrant. The Town Manager suggested that the approval for the project be presented in two phases: the feasibility study and schematic design; and the construction cost. This is the same way that the new high school was voted upon, he reminded the audience.

In the feasibility study and schematic design, the town would hire an Otis project manager to represent the town and work with the architect of the project. The value added is for professionals to identify a site; to lay out the space of the desired building based on its needs and determine the construction cost; and to finish that in time for the final cost to

be voted upon at the 2021 Town Meeting.

The proposed article for this year's town meeting would allocate \$650,000 for the first phase of the new senior center, and next year's would allocate for the total construction cost.

The board talked about being open to the most fiscally responsible way of paying for the feasibility study and schematic design — after Hull clarified that he had not indicated a preference for borrowing with debt exclusion. Their main concern with the original ask of allocating \$8.75 million from free cash up front is that there wasn't a clear construction plan — nor was there a site identified — with an explanation of how that money would be used and what needs it would meet. This proposal passed with a 4-1 vote.

Public comments regarding the senior center contained some perceived criticism of the work of Mrs. Allen and the team of seniors who presented at last month's meeting. Residents also identified concern that the feasibility study and schematic design might not be completed in time for the 2021 Town Meeting — and that overall, approving the new senior center in two phases might slow down the process.

Several board members spoke to clarify that while it's being split up into two phases, the plan would be following the same exact requirements if they were proposing an article for the original estimated construction funds upfront. And, should phase one not be finished in time, the board would support a special Town Meeting to vote upon the finalized construction.

Before adjourning, the board recognized a renovation update at the senior center; Paula Barry's retirement; a Wilmington police officer returning from deployment safely; and the economic development survey now available online or in print at the Town Hall and the library.

The next Board of Selectmen meeting on Jan. 27 will feature a budget presentation and continued discussion about expanding the hours of the senior center, among other agenda items.



Hugs from Wilmington!

Greg Bendel, Chairman of the Wilmington Board of Selectmen, handing out award citations and hugs. (photo: Bruce Hilliard)

Wilmington Economic Development Com. releases community economic survey

WILMINGTON — The Wilmington Economic Development Committee (WEDC) is seeking input from residents, business owners and business professionals who work in Wilmington. As a means of gathering this input, the WEDC has prepared a formal, quick, anonymous survey.

The survey is available on-line at: www.surveymonkey.com/r/WEDCsurvey

The link will also be prominently displayed on the Economic Development Committee Page at the town's website at: <https://www.wilmington-ma.gov/economic-development-committee>

The WEDC, formed in

June of 2019, is anxious and excited to gather this important feedback and observations of people who live and work in the Town of Wilmington. While there have been a few informal media and social media discussions about various aspects and areas of retail and the local economy, this survey will serve as a formal survey on behalf of the town's Economic Development Committee.

The committee will factor all input from this survey and other sources in developing strategy toward reinforcing the local economy and promoting an atmosphere conducive to smart economic growth. This survey will help the

committee identify key business sectors that complement the fabric of the community, are beneficial to the residents, and create jobs.

If online-based surveys are inconvenient or not possible, paper-based versions may be found at the library, the senior center or at the planning office at Town Hall.

All residents and those who work in Wilmington are encouraged to participate and offer honest, thoughtful responses.

The Wilmington Economic Development Committee is grateful to all participants for their time and valuable feedback.

Machado named to Dean's List at Univ. of New Haven

WEST HAVEN, CT — Alexis Machado, of Wilmington, a student in the College of Arts and Sciences of the University of

New Haven has been named to the Dean's List for the fall, 2019.

Machado is working on a Bachelor of Science in

Biology.

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▲ Cook Avenue fire

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One firefighter injured in Cook Ave fire

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was called in by the resident. At the time of the fire, the Wilmington tower truck was unavailable, as it was working a medical emergency on Wildwood Street. Therefore, a special call was made for the Woburn tower truck.

Upon arriving to the scene, Cavanaugh said a series of water issues were immediately present, as the home was located up-

hill and far from a hydrant. Additionally, responders saw the fire had grown to be more than a chimney fire, causing a second alarm to be raised.

Damage from the fire was primarily contained to the attic and outside of the building.

During the Cook Avenue fire, one Wilmington firefighter was injured. He was treated and released, but is still not cleared to work.

Cavanaugh also said a

missing cat was reported at the scene of the fire. The cat was located, and it is in good health.

As during the Industrial Way fire, additional support from other towns was needed. Crews from Reading, North Reading, Woburn, and Tewksbury were on scene while crews from Andover, Burlington and Billerica covered the station.

The scene was cleared at 1:30 that afternoon.

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Local man making it out in Los Angeles

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the Actor's Studio.

"Hold On" is not MacPherson's first acting role; previously, he appeared on television, in shows such as

The Young and The Restless, Days of Our Lives, Dexter, and CSI. Additionally, he starred in a national Superbowl commercial.

Notable celebrities also appearing in "Hold On"

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Wilmington/North Reading Girls Co-Op Swimming Wild Hornets end in a tie with Masconomet Regional

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The North Reading/Wilmington co-op girls swim team, the Wild Hornets, had two meets this week, one against Masconomet on Wednesday, January 8th, which ended in a tie 85-85, and another against Manchester Essex on Sunday, January 12th, which ended with a Manchester Essex victory, 89-82.

After these meets, the girls record is now 3-2-1.

Against Masconomet, the girls took second in the 200-yard freestyle relay as Maddie Koenig, Kelly Crossan, Oli Grabar, and Nicole Steinmeyer swam a combined 2:08.05.

In the 200-yard freestyle, Brianna Saunders-Correa took second, as she swam a 2:22.18, a new personal best.

In the 200-yard individual medley, Kristina Valenti took second, with a time of 2:28.64.

The girls took first, third, and fourth in the 50-yard freestyle, as Melanie Feffer swam a 27.71, Maddie Koenig swam a 28.47, and Kelly Crossan swam a 29.77.

For the 100-yard butterfly, the Wild Hornets claimed first and second, with Oli Grabar swimming a 1:05.3, and Nicole Steinmeyer swimming a 1:10.26.

In the 100-yard freestyle, Valenti took first, finishing with a time of 1:00.74, and Melanie Feffer took

third, swimming a 1:02.69.

In the 500-yard freestyle, Erin Davis came in fourth with a time of 7:50.37.

In the 200-yard freestyle relay, the team took first and third, as Maddie Koenig, Saunders-Correa, Feffer, and Valenti finished with a time of 1:54.48, and Mary Regan, Kelly Crossan, Lindsey Kane, and Joleen Weiss swam a 2:06.67.

In the 100-yard backstroke, the girls took first and third, with Koenig swimming a 1:07.07, and Kane swimming a 1:22.18.

In the 100-yard breaststroke, Grabar came in first swimming a 1:19.45, Crossan came in third with a time of 1:22.62, and Nicole Steinmeyer came in fourth, swimming a 1:25.1.

In the 400-yard freestyle relay, the girls team came in third, as Kane, Shae Fitzgerald, Rebecca Curry, and Erin Davis swam a 5:21.96.

Head Coach Sue Hunter was pleased by the teams results saying, "Masco is a big town, and typically a big player in the Cape Ann League. To tie them is incredible, especially as we did so despite a relay team being disqualified. I think this shows that we can really do well in the CAL's meet at the end of the season."

In their second away meet of the week, the girls team raced Manchester Essex, and lost 89-82.

The meet began with the girls taking second and fourth in the 200-yard

medley relay, as Koenig, Crossan, Grabar, and Valenti swam a 2:10.03. Fitzgerald, Regan, Hannah Lord, and Wilmington's Nikki Ekstrom swam a 2:41.21, earning fourth place.

The girls took second, third, and fourth in the 200-yard freestyle. Steinmeyer swam a 2:19.98, coming in second. Saunders-Correa swam a 2:21.82, and Feffer swam a 2:27.45.

In the 200-yard individual medley, Grabar took second, coming in at 2:34.85.

The girls took first, third, and fourth in the 50-yard freestyle, as Valenti swam a 26.65, Saunders-Correa swam a 29.27, and Kane swam a 29.47.

In the 100-yard butterfly, Grabar finished in first with a 1:06.6, and Steinmeyer came in third, swimming a 1:10.29.

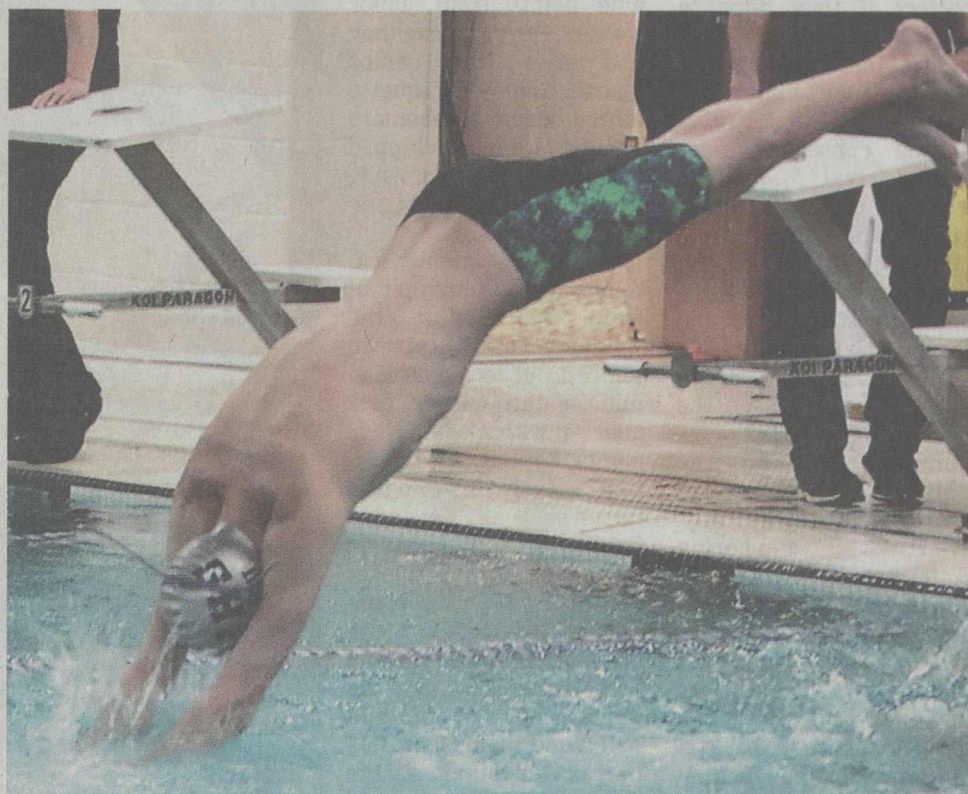
In the 100-yard freestyle, the girls took second and third, with Feffer swimming a 1:03.44, and Captain Mary Regan swimming a 1:10.08.

For the 500-yard freestyle, Valenti took first, and Koenig came in third, swimming a 6:01.03 and 6:20.7, respectively.

The girls also took first and third in the 200-yard freestyle relay, as Saunders-Correa, Kane, Steinmeyer, and Feffer swam a 1:54.87, and Davis, Joleen Weiss, Fitzgerald, and Lian Juergens swam a 2:19.36.

In the 100-yard back-

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Wilmington High junior captain Jared Benoit springs into action for his 400-yard freestyle relay event for the Wilmington/North Reading Co-Op Swim Team's Meet against Masconomet held last Wednesday. (photo by Henry Pelmas).

Boys defeated twice, dip to 2-4

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The North Reading/Wilmington co-op boys swim team, the Wild Hornets, had two meets this week, first against Masconomet on Wednesday, January 8th, which ended 92-41 in favor of Masconomet, and then against Manchester Essex on Sunday, January 12th, with a final score of 72-50, a Manchester Essex victory.

Although this unfortunately makes the boys record 2-4, this was largely due to three boys being absent from the Masconomet meet, and four being absent from the Manchester Essex meet.

The team has a small roster, but thankfully

three of the four boys who missed the Manchester Essex meet will be ready to swim against Ipswich on Friday, January 17th, which will be senior night, and home at the Burbank YMCA in Reading.

Against Masconomet, the boys started the night with Christopher Mangano taking second in the 200-yard freestyle, swimming a new personal best of 2:16.7, and Tyler Sheehan coming in fourth, swimming a 2:43.57.

The boys also took second and fourth in the 50-yard freestyle, as Griffin May swam a 28.18, and Dylan Tran swam a 37.97.

In the 100-yard freestyle, Junior Captain Jared Benoit, of Wilmington, took second, swimming a 1:05.3, and Tyler Sheehan came in third, swimming a 1:09.26.

For the 500-yard freestyle, Christopher Mangano came in second, swimming a 6:21.21.

In the 200-yard freestyle relay, the boys took second, as a team of Griffin May, Junior Captain Jared Benoit, Wilmington freshman Tyler Sheehan, and Christopher Mangano swam a 1:54.66.

In the 100-yard backstroke, May came in third, swimming a 1:19.95.

Benoit was the sole North Reading swimmer in the 100-yard breaststroke, but came in first, swimming a 1:18.93, beating two swimmers from Masconomet.

Finally, in the 400-yard freestyle relay, a team of Wilmington freshman Tyler Sheehan, Christopher Mangano, Benoit, and May swam a 4:33.29.

Despite the large difference in score between the two teams, head coach Sue Hunter remained optimistic about the teams future.

"We have three injured boys, two of which we expect to return in the coming week. Ignoring the score we had an overall good meet, and the boys swim well despite being outnumbered," she said.

Unfortunately, in the second meet of the week, against Manchester Essex, the boys team was even more outnumbered, having four of their nine boys unable to swim in the meet. Despite this, the boys put up a strong effort, and swam hard.

In the 200-yard freestyle, Benoit came in second, swimming a 2:21.44, and Wilmington resident freshman Aryan Patil took fourth, swimming a 3:25.12.

For the 50-yard freestyle, Mangano took third, swimming a 27.34, and Sheehan took fourth, swimming a 29.65.

In the 100-yard freestyle, Mangano swam a 1:01.08, coming in second, and Tyler Sheehan swam a 1:08.81, coming in fourth.

In the 100-yard backstroke, Patil took first, swimming a 1:15.18, and Dylan Tran took second, swimming a 1:37.94.

Benoit again took first in the 100-yard breaststroke, swimming a 1:19.45.

Finally, the boys closed the meet coming in second in the 400-yard freestyle relay, with a team of Mangano, Sheehan, Tran, and Benoit swimming a 4:54.05.

Again, Head Coach Sue Hunter was optimistic about the upcoming meets.

"Henry and Jonathon are both coming back from injuries and illnesses next week, and will hopefully both help us close the gap and beat Ipswich," she said.



North Reading resident Olivia Grabar, a member of the NR/Wilmington Co-Op Girls Swim team, competes in the 100-yard butterfly event during last Wednesday's meet against Masconomet. (photo by Henry Pelmas).

Shawsheen Tech Football coach among the all-time best

Costabile selected to the Hall of Fame

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BILLERICA - Shawsheen Tech Football coach Al Costabile has reached the point in his career where nearly every time he steps on the field he is achieving some kind of career milestone. Whether it is capturing another league title for the Rams, which he has done five times this decade and three of the past four years, or reaching a win milestone like he did two years ago when won his 175th career game, Costabile's coaching career and accomplishments have reached historical proportions.

It is only fitting therefore, that it was recently announced that Costabile had made a little more coaching history, as he was selected for induction into the Massachusetts High School Football Coaches Hall of Fame.

His coaching resume speaks for itself, with a career record of 187-118 over a 28-year career at Bishop Fenwick and Shawsheen, including a 147-95 mark at Shawsheen over the past 21 seasons.

In his greatest season with Shawsheen, Costabile led the Rams to an 11-1 record and the Division 4 Super Bowl in 2010. This was after leading Fenwick to a pair of Super Bowl appearances, both losses, in 1995 and 1996.

He also led Shawsheen to State Vocational title in 2006 and 2007. His 187 wins rank him 14th among active coaches in the history of Massachusetts.

Costabile, who has always maintained his humble demeanor throughout his career, accepted news of his recent induction in much the same way he has handled every individual accolade that has come his way.

"First of all, I am so honored. It is such a great honor. Honestly, not to be corny or anything, but this is totally a team effort. Nobody does anything like this on their own, and if anybody says the do, then they are lying. I have been very fortunate," Costabile said. For all he has accomplished, Costabile is quick to remind people that he is far from alone in achieving his success.

"There is so much that goes into it. The first thing you have to have is a family that will sacrifice for everything that goes into it. The second thing you have to have is players who are willing to buy into what you are doing. You have to have good kids," Costabile said. "And you've got to have good, competent, loyal assistants who will embrace their role. Their roles in football are so vital.

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'Cats turned over by Watertown and Winchester

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WILMINGTON - On many nights, the Wilmington High Boys basketball team knows they will have to be nearly perfect if they hope to come away with wins over their Middlesex League rivals. Unfortunately for the Wildcats, last Friday night's contest against league rival Watertown was one of those games, and despite their best efforts, they were anything but perfect in suffering a 54-36 loss at the Cushing Gymnasium.

The loss drops Wilmington to 1-6 on the season. It wasn't a question of effort for the Wildcats, who battled every step of the way, even outscoring Watertown by a wide margin in the fourth quarter, but it was more a matter of execution. Numerous turnovers, especially in the first half, led to a number of easy baskets for Watertown, turning the game into a blowout by halftime with the Raiders holding a 34-12 lead after the first 16 minutes.

Wilmington coach Dennis Ingram knows that the turnovers were the biggest difference in the game.

"We have to look at ourselves. We had a good idea of what they were going to do with their man to man pressure, and we couldn't handle it," Ingram said. "They really got the separation from us in the second quarter when they outscored us 17-4. I think at the half we had 15 turnovers and it seemed like every single one of them turned into a bucket for them."

"We felt like defensively we knew what we wanted to do, and in the half court we looked ok, but they got most of their points off of

turnovers. And that's the thing, that is why we stress so much to our guys that you have to hold onto the ball. There is only ball and you need to take care of it."

The Wildcats were led by nine points from junior center Bryce Keveaney and seven from senior guard Connor Paquette off the bench. Sophomore Tommy Mallinson chipped in with seven points, while senior Kevin Palmerino had six.

As Ingram mentioned, things were tough right from start for the Wildcats, as Watertown jumped out to a 13-0 lead midway through the first quarter, with most of their points coming in transition off of Wilmington turnovers. Keveaney finally got the Wildcats on the board with a bucket with 3:05 left in the opening quarter, and Palmerino hit a half court three pointer at the buzzer but Wilmington still found themselves facing a 17-8 deficit at the end of one.

It was more of same in the second quarter, with the Wildcats struggling to find their shooting touch as Watertown went on a 15-0 run to start the quarter and extend their lead to 33-8 with 2:30 left in the half. The Raiders were led by junior guard Matthew Oliveira, who had 11 first half points, and senior guard Devon Breen who chipped in with ten points of his own in the first half.

"Watertown is the kind of team where they smell the blood in the water," Ingram said. "They smell it and they are going to get more aggressive than they were. If you handle it ok, they might kind of back off a little, but if they smell it, they will be all over you."

Wilmington didn't get on the board until Keveaney



Wilmington's Jimmy McCarron dribbles past Burlington's Justin Balros during an earlier season Middlesex League game. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

scored from underneath with 1:16 left in the half. Keveaney would score the only four points of the quarter for the Wildcats, with eight of his nine total points coming in the first half. Ingram was happy to see the junior's hard work in practice pay off with a strong performance in Friday's game.

"Bryce is developing a nice little touch around the basket which is really nice to see," Ingram said. "I thought he really gave us some good minutes. He looks calm and composed out there. As happy as we are with him right now, we feel like he has a really high ceiling and to where his potential is."

Watertown extended their lead to 52-18 at the end of three quarter, led by some hot shooting by senior guard Brennan Cook, who had 12 points in the quarter, before both coaches substituted liberally in the fourth quarter and the Wildcats outscored the Raiders 16-4 over the last eight minutes of the game.

Much of that damage was done by Paquette, who scored all seven of his points in the fourth quarter. While Paquette's points did not mean a lot in determining the outcome of the game, both Ingram and Paquette's teammates were happy to see him take advantage of

his playing time.

"It's always nice to see the guys at the end of the bench come in and get some buckets," Ingram said. "They come to practice every day and work hard so when they get their opportunity it is great to see them do well. I know a lot of the guys, even though we were losing were happy to see Connor come in and get some buckets."

The Wildcats took to the road on Tuesday night for another stiff Middlesex League test and suffered another tough loss, this time to Winchester by a score of 76-46.

Wilmington (1-7) actually came out of the gates

pretty strong in this one, trailing only 19-16 at the end of the first quarter, but second quarter turnovers came back to haunt the Wildcats once again, as they managed only three points in the second quarter and trailed 42-19 at the half.

Tommy Mallinson led the way offensively for the Wildcats with 14 points, while Andrew Munsie had ten.

The Wildcats will be back in action on Friday night when they travel to Middlesex League rival Melrose, before returning home to host Burlington next Tuesday night.

DuCharme and company help push team over .500 mark

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WILMINGTON - It is not perfect and there is still some work to be done for the Wilmington High Girls Basketball team, but with every game the Wildcats play, they are looking more and more like the team they were expected to be heading into the season.

Last Friday night, for the second week in a row, the Wildcats hosted a Middlesex League rival at Lawrence Cushing Gymnasium, and for the second week in a row the result was an impressive win, this time with a 46-35 win over Watertown. It was the third win in a row

for the Wildcats, evening their record at 3-3 overall and putting them back on track to earn a state tournament berth.

Wilmington was led by big nights from senior guard Jenna Tavanese, who had 18 points, along with senior center Kylie DuCharme, who had 12 points and 13 rebounds and junior Jenna Sweeney who also chipped in seven points.

The Wildcats dominated right from the start in this one, jumping out to a 17-3 lead at the end of the first quarter and a 23-6 lead at the half. Watertown did try to make things interesting in the second half, particularly in the fourth quarter, but Wilmington

was in control throughout, even if they were not completely perfect.

"We were thrilled with how we came out of the gate," Robinson said. "To hold them to six points at the half was great. I thought our full court defense looked really good."

Wilmington's offense looked pretty good as well over the first eight minutes thanks mainly to the effort of Tavanese and Sweeney.

Tavanese scored the first five points of the game for the Wildcats to stake them to a slim 5-3 lead three minutes into the game, and after that they simply took over, scoring the final 12 points of the quar-

ter to lead 17-3 after one.

Sweeney score five of the points during the 12-0 run, while DuCharme added three and Tavanese and Kayla Smith added two each.

Both teams hit a stretch of cold shooting in the second quarter, but the Wildcat still managed to extend their lead to 23-6 at the half with Tavanese and DuCharme scoring all six Wilmington points in the frame.

To Watertown's credit they did not back down from Wilmington in the third quarter. With the Wildcats turning up the intensity and starting to get contribution from more and more players, including Olivia Almeida

and Anne Wingate, Watertown matched them basket for basket in the quarter.

Wilmington extended their lead to 23 points, at 32-9 with just over four minutes left in the half, but Winchester fought back to close the gap back to 17 points at 33-16 at the end of the third quarter. Watertown would outscore the Wildcats 19-13 in the final quarter. While the final results were never in doubt, Robinson would have liked to have seen the Wildcats finish a little stronger.

"Down the stretch I think we picked up a couple of fouls that let the momentum get away from us and we made some rushed decisions," Robinson said. "But it is always great to get the win."

The Wildcats kept the

good times rolling on Tuesday night when they came up with another big win over a Middlesex League opponent, routing Winchester by a score of 61-43 at Cushing Gymnasium.

The Wildcats (4-3) jumped out to a 39-17 half-time lead and never looked back, led by another strong performance by DuCharme, who had 23 points, 19 rebounds and five assists, while Tavanese had 16 points and four assists. Olivia Almeida chipped in with eight points and four blocks.

The Wildcats will be back in action on Friday night when they travel to Melrose for a 7:00 pm tipoff before returning home on Tuesday to host Burlington for a 5:15 tip-off.

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Wilmington High senior guard Jenna Tavanese dribbles the ball up the court with Burlington's Aulr Alyssa Pena following the play. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

On the ice, Wildcats skate to a scoreless tie with Wakefield

By DAN ZIMMERMAN
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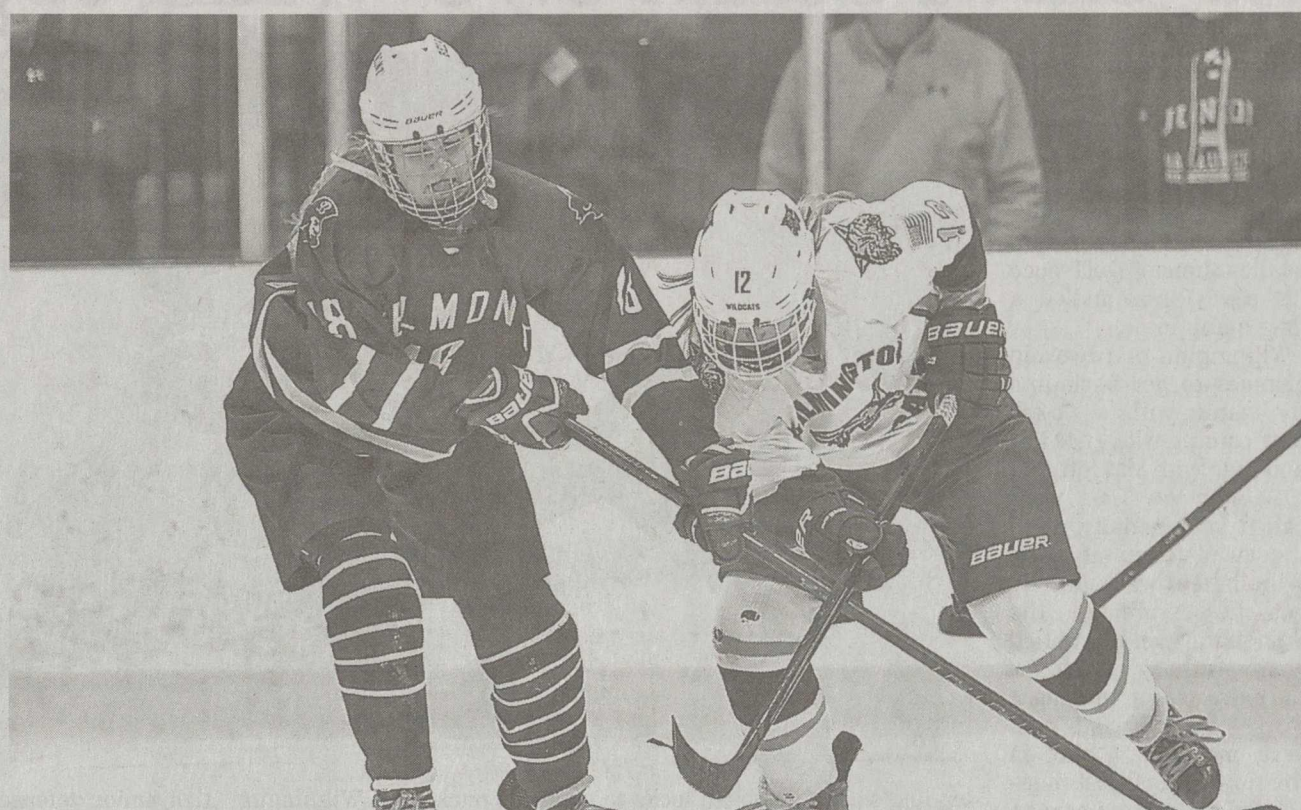
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WILMINGTON -- While there's still plenty of work to be done in the weeks ahead, the Wilmington Girls Hockey team moved yet another step closer to a goal the players set for themselves prior to the start of the season.

Last Wednesday's scoreless tie with Wakefield saw the Wilmington record improve to 2-4-1 overall, raising the current point tally to five of the twenty needed to qualify for the post-season.

With 13 games remaining in the campaign, a tournament berth is an ambitious objective but certainly not far-fetched, especially when taking into account the recent run of success with two wins and a tie in their last three.

"And now we have five," said Wilmington coach John Lapiana, referring to the all-important point count toward playoff qualification. "It's a long season and it's not a matter of where we start but rather, where we finish."

Where Wilmington finished in the skirmish with Wakefield was impressive, indeed. The Warriors hadn't lost a game since before Christmas, arrived at Ristuccia armed with a 5-



Wilmington High junior Ida Bishop battles with Belmont's Del Bonin during an earlier season home game. (photo by Bob DeChiara).

2-1 record, and had outscored opponents by a 25-14 margin.

But early in the game, the Wildcats established their trademark defense and limited scoring chances. In all, Wakefield came away with 18-shots to Wilmington's 10 but most were of a low percentage variety and routinely handled by the goaltenders.

"One of the aspects we concentrated on in prac-

tice this week was limiting clean shots to the net," shared Lapiana. "It's no secret that Melanie (Hayden) handles a lot of pucks but today, we were successful in cutting the usual number in half."

Wilmington's top-scorer, Ida Bishop, was the recipient of more attention than most. In the second period alone, she was tripped up three times, each resulting in a

Wakefield penalty. The Wildcats' power play, ineffective through some of the earlier games this season, has realized steady improvement.

Skating on the man-advantage, which included a brief five-on-three opportunity, Wilmington special teams moved the puck well and forged several good bids. Payton Fuller and Zoe DeRose each checked in with labeled shots on Warrior

netminder Abby Boudreau and Bishop finished an end-to-end rush with a waist-high wrist-shot which Boudreau knocked down with her blocker.

"Playing five-on-three obviously makes things far easier to create offensive opportunities," Lapiana said. "But we did have decent chances on the power play. It's just a matter of breaking old habits. When we're able to possess the puck in the offensive zone, we're probably going to get a little more room to operate and generate those opportunities."

While the first period and part of the second featured an inordinate amount of neutral zone play, the respective offenses snapped out of their lethargy in the third frame and began to skate with a sense of urgency. It was obvious that neither club wanted to leave the building in a deadlock.

Perhaps the best chance for Wakefield to snap the stalemate took place midway through the third when Warrior forward

Kayli Porter got off a hard shot from the high slot. Hayden made the stop but yielded an uncommon rebound that bounced around and landed in the crease, ripe for the picking. Just as a pair of Warriors pounced, Hayden dove to safely glove the puck and preserve the tie.

At the other end, Wildcat sophomore Sofia Brunetto tested Boudreau, one-timing an errant clear from behind the net. Later, freshman Gabriella Daniels, who scored her first goal of the season last week against Burlington, nearly put Wilmington in front in the waning moments. Daniels fished a loose puck from the corner, walked in, and was denied by Boudreau with what could only be described as the save of the game.

"Gabriella did a great job today," Lapiana said. "That was a goal scorer's play. She has so much raw talent that we're trying to unleash and I think she can be a very exciting player to watch. It's just a matter of building her confidence and urging her to play this game the way we know she can."

Wilmington has an uncommon Saturday off and faced a struggling Watertown program on Wednesday with results not known as of presstime. Then on Saturday, the Wildcats will make a visit to Middlesex League-leading Arlington.

"This week-long stretch before our next game will give us more valuable practice time," Lapiana said. "There always seems to be parts of our game that are clicking really well and others that aren't where we want them to be. We're certainly improving but need work in a number of areas before we take part in some of these important games ahead."



The 2019-2020 Wilmington High School Girls Varsity Hockey team.

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Wildcats can't stick two wins together

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Through the first month of the season, the Wilmington High School boys' hockey team had yet to put a two-game win streak together. At home for the first time on Saturday, the 'Cats had a golden opportunity to do just that, while pick up some ground in both their quest for another state tournament bid as well as a little bit of breathing room between themselves and three other teams who are currently behind Burlington in the Middlesex League Freedom Division.

Unfortunately the 'Cats weren't able to get that second straight win, as sloppy and subpar play in the first two periods gave Stoneham a two-goal lead. Wilmington played terrific in the third period, but fell short, losing 3-2 to the Spartans.

"That's what we talked about last week, playing the complete game," said head coach Steve Scanlon. "We played today with two defensemen out with the flu and we knew we were going to be compromised, but in my mind, that stuff shouldn't be an excuse. Every team in the state has players hurt our out sick, so you need guys to step in and step up and I thought those guys did an OK job."

Wilmington scored just 52 seconds into the game, before the Spartans scored the game's next three goals, two coming before the end of the first, one more in the second.

"We came out well, but as soon as we scored, we stopped playing," said Scanlon. "Then we started to take undisciplined penalties by veteran players and then we are chasing the game."

Wilmington got on the board first as Peter Kourkoutas scored from the right side of the net. He put home a loose puck off a slap shot that missed the net and bounced off the back wall. Assists went to Riley Fitzgerald and Joe Hill.

Stoneham's Danny Storella scored a power play goal with 6:42 left and then his teammate Ty Foley added another one off a turnover in the 'Cats end coming with 3:24 left to take the 2-1 lead.

"Again (lack of) puck control continues to be a big issue," said Scanlon. "Execution is the players job - carrying a puck and catching a puck (is part of that). When eight of ten passes come off of your stick, it's time to try somebody else."

Stoneham scored another power play goal off the stick of Gavin Doherty coming with 9:38 left in the second to go up 3-1 and at that point they held a 16-13 advantage in shots. In the third period, it was mostly all

Wilmington. The 'Cats outshot the Spartans 16-6, which included a short-handed goal coming 1:25 into the third as Christian Robarge put home a loose puck after the Stoneham goalie, Michael DelTrecco (27 saves) mishandled a long dump in.

Wilmington had two big chances to get back into the game with a power play coming with 11:12 left and then with 3:52 left, but 1:44 later the 'Cats were called for a penalty, coming away from the play. Wilmington was able to get possession in the Stoneham end, pulled goalie Anthony Cuozzo for the extra skater, making it 5-on-5, but couldn't convert, including a shot in the final second just missing the right hand corner, while DelTrecco made several big stops.

"We stormed the fort there late in the third period and we played good in the third but it wasn't enough," said Scanlon. "We almost got one on that last shot, but it's hard to chase the game when you are playing anybody, especially when you are giving away power play goals and they are on undisciplined penalties with a slashing and roughing."

Wilmington is now 4-4-1 overall and 2-3-1 in the league, which is the same mark as Melrose, while Wakefield is at 2-4-0 and Stoneham is now 1-4-0. All four teams trail Burlington, who are 5-1-0.

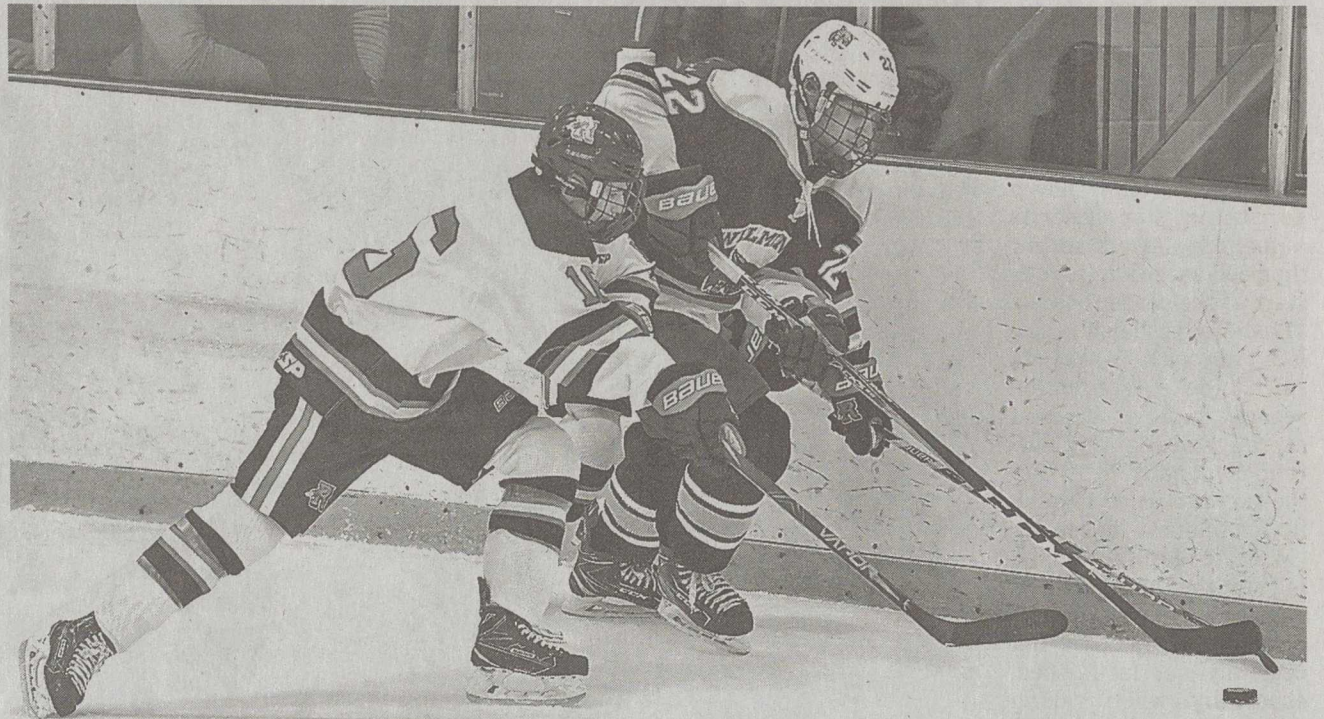
"It's a bad loss for many reasons - tournament purposes, a divisional game and it was a Sullivan (Rule) game," said Scanlon. "The kids knew what was coming. It's a bad loss and you have those over a 20-game schedule, but you can't undo it. We almost got it (the game tying goal) and it would have been great if we poked one in there late and ended up with a tie, but we didn't, so now we have to turn the page and move on."

"We don't play now until Thursday, so we'll have an extra day off so the guys who are nicked up, hopefully we can some time to heal up and we can get those guys back who have the flu."

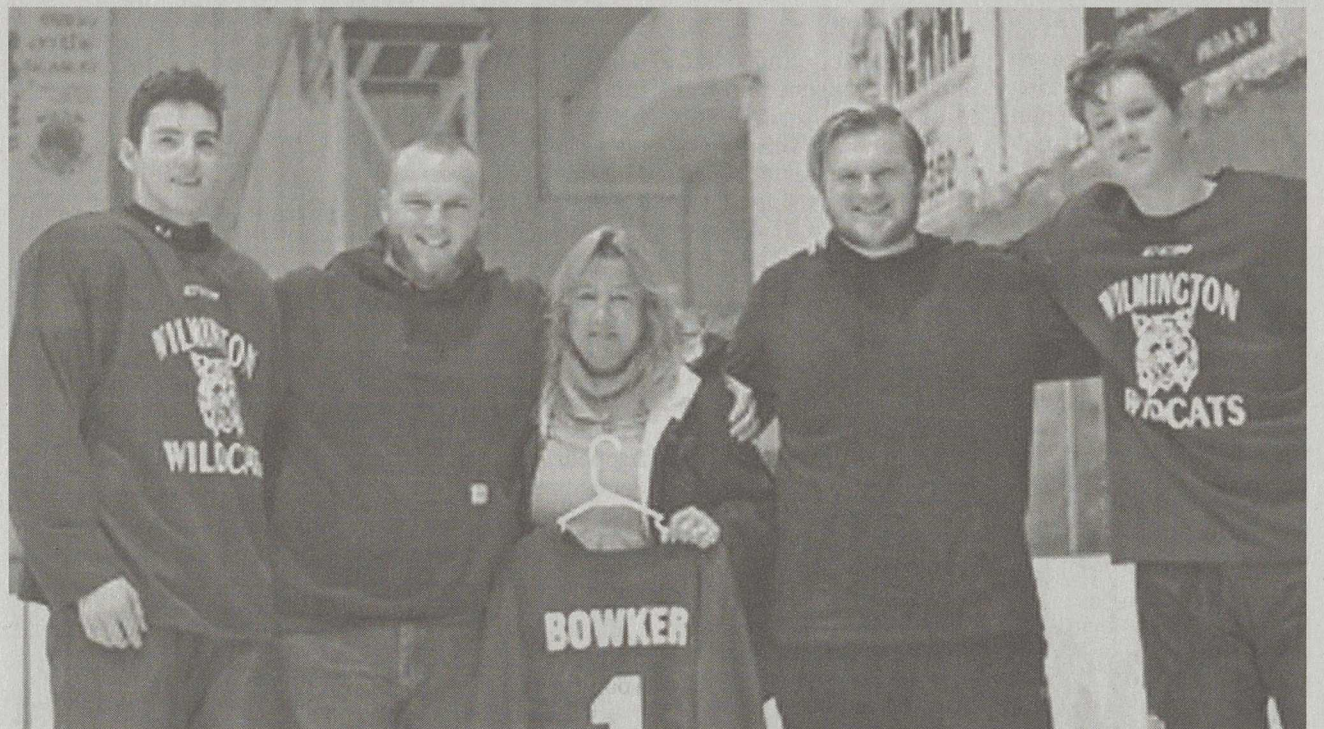
Wilmington will be off until Thursday when they travel next door to face Shawsheen (5-4) at the Hallenborg Arena starting at 7:10 pm and that will be part of a four game-six day span, with home games against Arlington (5-1-1) on Saturday at noon, Pentucket Regional (1-5-0) on Monday at 2 pm and then Medford (5-3-1) on Wednesday night at 8:00 pm.

FUNDRAISING EVENT

During Saturday's game, the WHS Hockey program honored the late Stephen Bowker, a big fan of the team, who lost his life this past summer due to Pancreatic Cancer. The



Reading's Jake Donovan looks to steal the puck from Wilmington High junior defenseman Matt Pendenza during an earlier season game. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).



On Saturday, the WHS Boys Hockey team honored the late Stephen Bowker, a big fan of the program who passed last year due to pancreatic cancer. Above his family, including from left, son Stephen, Jr., wife Janice and son Anthony, are presented a game jersey by WHS assistant captain Christian Robarge (far left) and captain Jared Venezia (far right); and below the entire team joins with the Bowker Family. (courtesy photos).



team wore purple jerseys with 'Bowker' on the back in his honor and had a bake sale and t-shirts with all proceeds going to the Pancreatic Cancer Fund in honor of Bowker.

At the conclusion of the first period, his wife Janice and sons Anthony and Stephen Jr., the latter a member of the team from two years ago, were met by the captains and team on the ice and were given one of the team jerseys, with the No. 1 on it.

"This was great event for hockey and for the team," said Scanlon. "It was great to see a big

crowd, make some money for the Pancreatic Cancer Fund. I know the event was important to the kids. The father was a big fan of the program, so we're glad we could host this event for the family."

LOCAL HEROES GAME

On Monday, the program will host another fundraising event, its annual 'Local Heroes', which supports and honors local military members and their families.

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Girls swim team ties Masco

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stroke, Koenig came in second swimming a 1:08.43, and Kane came in fourth, swimming a 1:24.21.

In the 100-yard breast-stroke, Crossan came in third, swimming a 1:27.12.

Finally, the girls took second and fourth in the 400-yard freestyle relay, as

Grabar, Feffer, Koenig, and Valenti swam a 4:08.39, and Davis, Ekstrom, Weiss, and Rebecca Curry swam a 5:16.97.

After a close loss to Manchester Essex, Coach Hunter explained, "We truly are showing that we are a potential competitor

for a high place at CAL's. Manchester Essex and Masconomet are often two of the best teams in the Cape Ann League, and by showing that we are right up there with them skill-wise, we are proving ourselves to be one of the strongest team's in the League."

Juergens leads boys at Northeast Invitational

This past Saturday and Sunday, a handful of members of the WHS Boys Track team competed at the Dartmouth Relay Meet, held in New Hampshire. This meet attracts teams from not just Massachusetts, but New York, New Jersey, Maine, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Vermont and several in Canada.

The Wildcats had three athletes compete in the championship mile and

triple jump events. Sam Juergens finished 12th in the triple jump at 39-04.75 and was followed by Jeandre Abel, who was 14th at 38-01.75.

Then senior Greg Adamek was 14th in the mile, as he came across at 4:38.53.

Adamek was also a part of the eighth place 4x800 relay team along with Sean Riley, Pat O'Mahony and Owen Surette with a combined time of 8:40.64,

while, Juergens was 30th in the 55-meter hurdles at 9.01 and Abel was 34th in the 55-meter dash at 7.08.

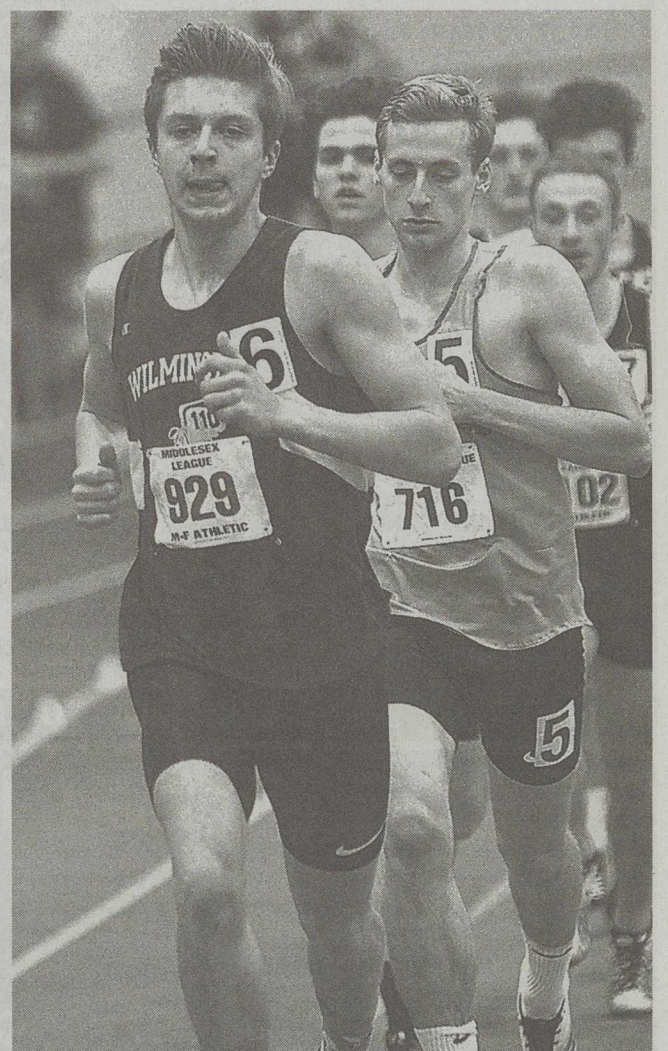
Surette (16th at 2:08.17), Brian Elder (19th at 2:08.52), Riley (20th at 2:09.18) and O'Mahony (23rd at 2:10.79) also competed in the 800-meter run.

Then Richard Stuart, Elder, Abel and Aiden McGrath were seventh in the 4x400 relay with a time of 3:43.30. McGrath also

had an outstanding performance in the 400 taking fifth with a time of 53.66, and Stuart was 38th in the 300 at 39.44.

Joe DeMoura competed in two events taking 20th in the 400 at 58.25 and 39th in the 55-meter hurdles at 9.19. Isaac Avila was 35th in the dash at 7.09 and 37th in the 300 at 39.30 and then Jake Danieli was 15th in the 400 at 56.08 seconds.

-- JAMIE POTE --



Wilmington's Sean Riley leads the pack in the 600-meter race during an earlier season Boys Track Meet held at BU. (photo by Jim Vaiknoras).

Girls track team remains perfect; in a fight for title

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BOSTON - Back on January 7th, the Wilmington High School girls indoor track-and-field team took carer of business with an 81-19 victory over Watertown held at Boston University. The win pushed the 'Cats to a

4-0 start, and will face Melrose a week from Friday to determine the Middlesex League Freedom Division League Champion.

"Watertown unfortunately does not have a big team so it was a good opportunity for us to try new events and build on other aspects we need,"

said Wilmington head coach Brian Schell. "It was also another chance at being aggressive in our races which a few more people took advantage of."

Wilmington swept the 300, 600, 55-meter hurdles, the high jump, long jump and won the 4x400 relay and those six events accounted for a swing of 54-0 on the scoreboard.

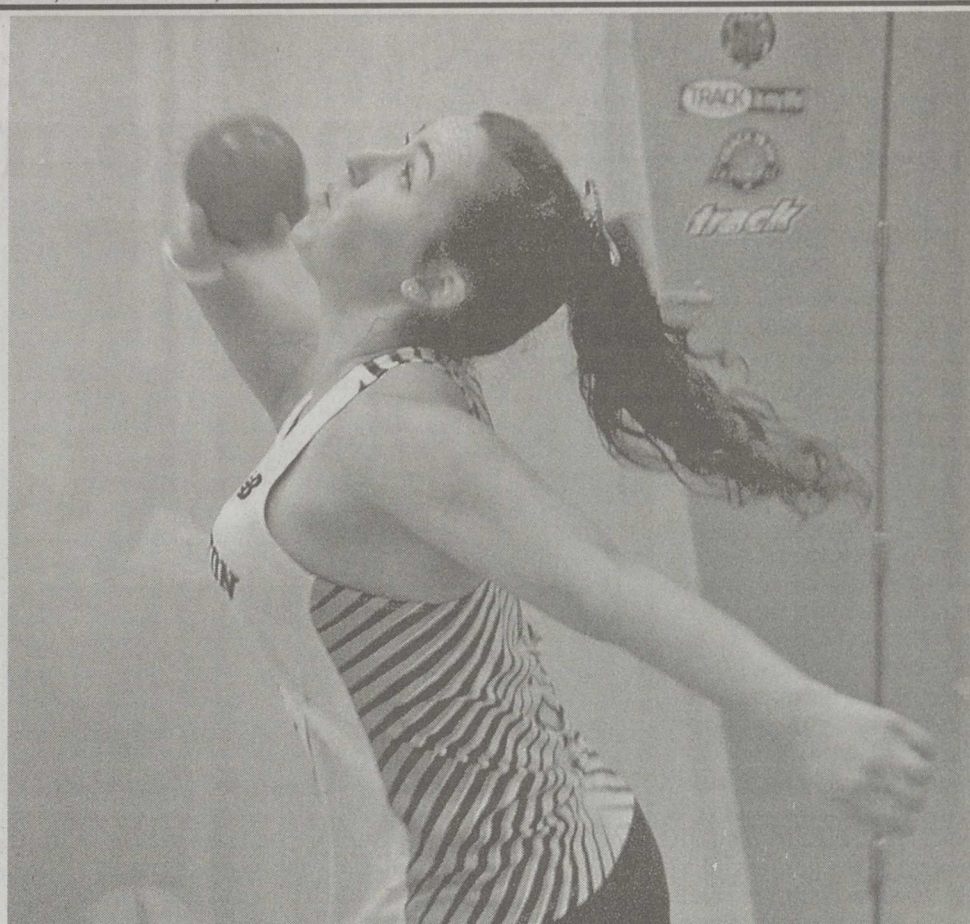
In the 300, it went Madison Mulas (47.21), Nokem Bramantechoen (48.26) and Aaliyah Abel (48.47). In the 600, it was Maggie Bourgeois (1:51.17), Angelina Zaykovskaya (1:53.20) and Anja Jensen (1:57.00). In the hurdles, it went Kaitlyn Doherty (10.27), Miriam Nelson (11.42) and Joanne Arulraj (11.45).

The relay team won with a time of 4:24.50 and then in the high jump, Juliana Patrone was first clearing 5-0 and was followed by Hannah LaVita and Bourgeois, who cleared 4-10 and 4-6. Finally in the long jump, Doherty was first again at 14-6 and was followed by LaVita (14-1.50) and Katherine McLaughlin (13-9).

Coming home with other second places included Amanda Broussard in the 55-meter dash (7.98), McLaughlin in the 1,000 (3:33.14), Olivia Erler in the mile (6:12.80) and Carissa Rubin in the two-mile (14:16.88). Shea Cushing also grabbed a point with a third place in the 1,000 coming in at 3:40.07.

Over the weekend, the team participated in the MSTCA Northeast Invitational Meet, which was held over three days at the Reggie Lewis Center.

Shannon Murphy was the winner of the unseeded shot put section, throwing 32-03.75, to highlight the team's overall performance.



Wilmington's Miriam Nelson competes in the shot put during an earlier season meet held at Boston University. (photo by Jim Vaiknoras).



Wilmington's Gianna Spada competes in the 1,000 meters during an earlier season track meet held at Boston University. (photo by Jim Vaiknoras).

"All of the throwers have been very consistent every meet so far and Shannon had a big personal record on the day," said Schell. "Sometimes it has been tough on the throwers having doubled up on events except for her so she stepped up big. Even at the Northeast Invite she looked strong in warm ups and tossed a big one on her third throw. Coach (Dave) Wilson has worked well with the throwers whether it be their power throw, glide or shuffle. Shannon really works hard on her drills everyday and its good to see it paying off."

Two other individuals placed in the top ten. Gianna Misuraca was fifth in the unseeded section of the two-mile as she came in at 13:09.44, and then Amanda Broussard was sixth in the 400 at 1:03.57.

Three members of the team participated in three individual events each. Ashlyn Buckley was 38th in the 55-meter dash (8.30), 51st in the 200 (29.15) and 29th in the

unseeded section of the shot put throwing 24-10.75. Emma Jensen was 112th in the 200 (31.10), 46th in the 55-meter hurdles (11.40) and 49th in the shot put throwing 20-10.

Then Kayla Flynn was 118th in the 200 at 31.45, 45th in the 55-meter hurdles at 11.30 and 27th in the unseeded section of the long jump at 13-00.70.

Additionally, 11 other athletes participated in two events each. Amber Flynn was 21st in both unseeded sections of the mile (5:59.55) and shot put (26-09.50). Mulas was 26th in the dash (8.18) and 35th in the 200 (28.60). Bramantechoen was 62nd in the dash at 8.56 and 87th in the 200 at 30.31. Abel was 65th in the dash at 8.60 and 100th in the 200 at 30.62.

Emily McHugh finished 129th in the 200 at 31.79 and then was 54th in the unseeded heat of the hurdles with a time of 11.68 seconds. Arulraj was 145th in the 200 at 33.02 and then was 50th in the unseeded section of the hurdles at 11.68, while in

the same two events, Fothergill was 145th at 33.20 and 44th at 11.21.

Also, Maggie Bourgeois was 29th in the 400 at 1:08.26 and 30th in the unseeded section of the long jump with a mark of 13-04. McLaughlin was 28th in the unseeded long jump at 13-04.75 and 31st in the 800 at 2:37.74. Miriam Nelson was 11th in the unseeded shot put at 28-05.75 and 43rd in the 55-meter hurdles at 11.15 and then Quinn Proulx was 43rd in the unseeded shot put at 21-01.25 and then was 52nd in the 400 at 1:14.95.

In the unseeded mile, Erler was 34th at 6:08.76, followed by Cushing (40th, 6:15.04), Talina Khalil (53rd, 6:48.44) and Gianna Spada (59th at 7:15.92). In the 400, Angelina Zaykovskaya was 26th at 1:07.61, followed by Evelyn Miller-Nuzzo who was 30th at 1:08.91, Jensen, who was 31st at 1:09.13 and Kari Wells, who was 43rd at 1:10.98.

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Shawsheen Tech Sports Round-Up

Rams pick up two more league victories

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BILLERICA -- The good times continued to roll for the Shawsheen Tech Boys Basketball team this past week as the Rams picked up two more wins over CAC rivals to improve to 6-2 (5-1 in the CAC) on the season, defeating Whittier Tech last Friday night by a score 57-47 before downing Northeast by a score of 58-38 on Tuesday.

The Rams have now won five straight games under the direction of first year head coach Joe Gore.

In Friday's win over Whittier, the Rams seized control of the game with a big second quarter and never looked back, going out to a 27-18 halftime leading and extending their lead to 49-37 at the end of three quarters before holding on against a strong surge by Whittier in the fourth quarter.

"The kids are playing really well," Gore said. "They are really beginning to show glimpses of our potential. We are just struggling a little bit to put it together for four quarters. The team first approach has been paying off for us, but we just haven't been able to keep it going for an entire game."

The Rams led just 15-14 at the end of the first quarter on Friday before getting some separation in the second quarter. They were led by a tremendous effort by senior forward Santino Garafalo of Tewksbury who had 18 points and 17 rebounds and was the key to giving the Rams a big halftime lead.

"That was a great game by Santino," Gore said. "In the first quarter we were struggling a little bit, but we decided to just put the ball in Santino's hands and let him take over. They had no answer for him. Every day he is getting better and better and he is going to be a force in Division 3 North. We are excited to see what he can do the rest of the season."

Whittier also didn't have much of an answer for junior Jake Tyler, who chipped in with 16 points of his own off ten bench to help the Rams cause.

"Jake is probably the best pure shooter in our lineup," Gore said. "He probably could be in the starting lineup, but he gives us such a spark off the bench that it is almost better to have him in that role. He can score in bunches and when he gets hot, he can be deadly from beyond the three-point line. He is starting to find his groove."

Senior captain Larry Bevis also had a night for the Rams with ten points and eight rebounds, all of



Shawsheen's Jeremy Perez of Tewksbury looks to make a pass for the Rams during an earlier game this season. (photo by Jim Vaiknoras).

which came in the second half.

"Larry works hard in practice every day and it has been paying off for him. He has been averaging about nine points per game" Gore said. "He has some scoring ability and he is also a very good leader. He is probably our best communicator when he is on the floor."

The Rams continued their winning ways on Tuesday night with a 58-38 road win over Northeast. This time it was junior James Genetti leading the way for the Rams, with 15 points and ten rebounds, while sophomore Jeremy Perez of Tewksbury set the tone on defense with eight steals.

The Rams will hit the court again on Friday night when they travel to Greater Lawrence for another key CAC battle.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

The effort has certainly been there on a nightly basis for the Shawsheen Tech Girls Basketball team, but their inexperience has also shown in several games. That was certainly the last Friday night for the Rams, as they put up a great effort only to come up just a little short in a 54-50 loss on the road to CAC rival Northeast, dropping their record to 3-3 on the season.

While the effort was there for most of the game, a slow started ultimately came back to haunt the Rams.

"I felt like some sloppy play in the first quarter that put us into a hole that was hard to come out of," Shawsheen coach Kate Marshall said. "We

allowed too many second attempt opportunities under the hoop that allowed their big players to get 12 points on put-backs. Had we boxed out and protected the key more, the game would have been much different."

On the other hand, Marshall was pleased with the way her team continued to battle through the rest of the game, trailing by just points at the half and battling Northeast basket for much of the rest of the game.

"I'm actually pretty proud of the team for keeping their composure in the fourth, because for our young squad that's the first time we've been that close at the end of regulation so far this season," Marshall said. "It's usually a ten-point swing in our favor or the opposite direction."

Susanna Gillis led the way for the Rams with 18 points, while Shelby Bourdeau led the Rams in assists and Darielle Wilson led the way on the boards.

Prior to the loss to Northeast, the Rams had defeated Essex Tech in a home game last Tuesday by a score of 52-37, getting outstanding efforts throughout their lineup.

"The Essex game allowed us to experiment with lineups that I haven't been able to do so far this season," Marshall said. "I was able to put shifts of five girls in and out throughout the game and saw which combinations worked and which one's didn't. All twelve girls contributed to the score that game, and if we can have more games like that, we'll be in good shape."

With a 3-3 record at this point, Marshall is looking forward to seeing what her team can do the rest of the way, as they continue to improve.

"Like I said at the beginning of the season, this is a young team. We only have four returning varsity players, and my starters are mostly sophomores and juniors, so we're going through some growing pains," Marshall said. "There's a mental toughness and maturity that is required to play at the varsity level and we're still developing in that area but I think our future is very bright. Hopefully the losses are remedied the second time around when we play these teams. I think we've got some work to do in protecting the hoop and making sure we can shut down the other team from second and third attempt opportunities."

The Rams will be back in action on Friday night when they host CAC rival Greater Lawrence.

SWIMMING

Another outstanding effort from the Shawsheen Tech Co-Ed Swimming team led to yet another victory this past week as the Rams improved to 6-0 on the season with an impressive 94-76 road win over CAC rival Greater Lawrence last Friday afternoon.

The Rams got contributions throughout their lineup to earn the dominant victory, with several athletes new to the varsity squad seeing some action. But some of the Rams regulars still helped contribute to the victory, keeping the Rams perfect on the season.

"This was another big league win; it was truly a team effort. This is the first meet we travelled with a full squad and was very happy with our results," Shawsheen coach Rick Menard said. "The more experienced swimmers were able to rest up a bit as we had our newer swimmers put in places to compete against a smaller Greater Lawrence squad."

One of those young swimmers who made the most out of his opportunity was freshman Anthony Bastianelli, who won the 200-yard freestyle in a time of 2:40.84. Bastianelli led a sweep of the event, along with senior Kelsey Boutwell who was second and junior Jacqui Megna who was third.

The Rams swept several events on the day, with senior Andrew Farrell of Tewksbury taking the 100-yard freestyle in a time of 1:09.18, followed by junior Connor Maguire in second and fellow junior Tyler Newhouse of Wilmington in third. They also had a clean sweep in the 200 individual medley, with junior Damien Hadden of Tewksbury taking first in a time of 2:22.12, followed by junior Derek Costello and Zach Morris, both of Wilmington.

Other sweeps for the Rams came in the 100-yard butterfly where senior Vincent Lopez took first in a time of 1:15.88, while freshman Alyssa Wallace was second and sophomore Tyler Kopacz of Tewksbury was third as well as in the 500-yard freestyle where sophomore Aiden Singh was first in a time of 5:44.63, while Hadden was second and Boutwell was third. The final sweep of the day came in the 100-yard mixed breaststroke where sophomore Kevin Sevens

took first in a time if 1:28.16, followed by senior Celina Barczak and junior Dillon Lavallee.

Several other Rams also turned in impressive performances on the day, including a trio of freshmen.

"Bastianelli did a great job to win the 200, while Evan Pinto and John Allard both had very impressive showings in the 50-freestyle. They are showing the promise of a bright future for this program as all three are freshman that are making an impact on this season's success" Menard said. "Vincent Lopez one of our better breaststrokes and freshman Alyssa Wallace were both able to get best their times in the 100-fly as part of one of our sweeps on the day."

"Kinsey Boutwell had a huge drop in the 500 off of her best personal time while Lexi Vio and Dillon Lavallee both shattered their personal records in the 50 free."

The Rams continued their outstanding swimming on Monday, performing very well while suffering a tough 82-79 loss to Winchester for their first loss of the season. They also took on perennial CAC champ Mystic Valley on Wednesday at Shawsheen in the team's Senior Meet, with results of the meet not available as of press time.

WRESTLING

The Shawsheen Tech Wrestling team had made a habit of facing and knocking off great programs during the course of their history and this past weekend was no exception as the Rams traveled to Lawrence for a super quad meet against Lawrence, Winchester, Brockton and Central Catholic, coming away with a 3-1 record on the day against the stacked opposition.

The Rams earned wins over Lawrence by a score of 44-32, Winchester (49-19) and Brockton (46-27), while suffering their only loss of the day to a powerful Central Catholic squad by a score of 41-33. The 3-1 day improved the Rams to 16-2 on the season.

"I thought we had a good day," Shawsheen coach Mark Donovan said. "We beat some very good teams and Central I think is one of the best teams in the state and we were right there with them as well. We are 16-2 right now and that is very good

for this team. Of course, I would rather we were 18-0, but we have had some big wins over some very good teams."

The Rams were led to victory by several wrestlers who went 4-0 on the day, including senior captain Walter Humphrey, who swept all four of his matches at 113 pounds, pinning two of his opponents. Humphrey has made tremendous strides for the Rams in his senior season.

"Walter got into a couple of matches last year with the varsity, but he has taken a big step forward this season," Shawsheen coach Mark Donovan said. "He is doing what he needs to do as a varsity captain. Her has kind of come out of nowhere. He has put in all of the hard work and he is doing very well for himself."

Other wrestlers who went 4-0 on the day for the Rams included junior Diondre Turner of Wilmington at 145 pounds, who had two pins, along with Austin Dube at 120 pounds with all of his wins coming by pin.

Aiden Leffler of Tewksbury was among several Rams who went 3-1 on the day, with Leffler accomplishing the feat at 182 pounds, with one of his wins coming by pin.

"Aiden is having a very good season," Donovan said. "He is just a great kid. He has good ethics. He is a good character person. He has a lot of natural ability and he embraces the grind. He is the type of kid you want on your team. He put in the work in the off season and it is paying off for him."

Other wrestlers who won three matches on the day for the Rams included Frank Foti (126 pounds, 2 pins) and Andre Comeau (195 pounds, 3 pins). Devin DeLuca (132), Justin Merrifield (138) and Justin Elias (152) each won two matches for the Rams.

At 16-2 on the season to this point, it would be fair to say that the Rams have overachieved this season, especially considering that they lost several quality wrestlers off of last year's squad.

"I think they have over-achieved, but it is also kind of what we expect from them," Donovan said. "I don't believe in rebuilding, it is more reloading. The kids have bought into that. We have set the bar very high here

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Where's the Action?

Day	Date	Sport	Opponent	Time
Wilmington High Sports				
Thursday	January 16	V Boys Hockey	at Shawsheen	7:10 pm
Friday	January 17	Boys/Girls Track	at D4 State Relays	4:30 pm
Friday	January 17	V Girls/Boys Hoop	at Melrose	5:15/7pm
Friday	January 17	V Swimming	vs Ipswich	7:30 pm
Saturday	January 18	V Wrestling	Home Quad Meet	9:00 am
Saturday	January 18	V Boys Hockey	vs Arlington	12:00 pm
Saturday	January 18	V Girls Hockey	at Arlington	6:00 pm
Monday	January 20	V Boys Hockey	vs Pentucket	2:00 pm
Monday	January 20	V Girls Hockey	at Brookline	4:00 pm
Tuesday	January 21	V Girls/Boys Hoop	vs Burlington	5:15/7pm
Wednesday	January 22	V Wrestling	at Triton	6:00 pm
Wednesday	January 22	V Girls Hockey	at Winthrop	6:00 pm
Wednesday	January 22	V Boys Hockey	vs Medford	8:00 pm
Tewksbury High Sports				
Thursday	January 16	V Gymnastics	vs NA/Lowell	7:30 pm
Friday	January 17	V Boys Hoop	vs Dracut	7:00 pm
Friday	January 17	V Girls Hoop	at Dracut	7:00 pm
Friday	January 17	V Girls Hockey	at Westford	7:00 pm
Friday	January 17	V Gymnastics	at Dracut	7:30 pm
Saturday	January 18	V Wrestling	at Woburn Tourney	9:00 am
Saturday	January 18	V Boys Hockey	at Haverhill	7:00 pm
Sunday	January 19	B/G Track	at D3 Relays - RLC	2:30 pm
Monday	January 20	V Boys Hockey	vs Billerica	7:20 pm
Tuesday	January 21	V Boys Hoop	vs Lawrence	7:00 pm
Tuesday	January 21	V Girls Hoop	at Billerica	7:00 pm
Wednesday	January 22	V Girls Hockey	at Boston Latin	4:00 pm
Wednesday	January 22	V Wrestling	at Chelmsford	6:30 pm
Shawsheen Tech Sports				
Thursday	January 16	V Boys Hockey	vs Wilmington	7:10 pm
Friday	January 17	V Girls Hoop	vs St. Joe's Prep	5:30 pm
Friday	January 17	V Boys Hoop	vs Lynn Tech	7:00 pm
Saturday	January 18	V Wrestling	at Reading Quad	10:00 am
Saturday	January 18	V Girls Hockey	at Stoughton	4:00 pm
Monday	January 20	V Boys Hockey	vs Northeast	12:00 pm
Monday	January 20	V Girls Hockey	vs Latin Academy	2:00 pm
Tuesday	January 21	V Boys Hoop	at Gr. Lawrence	5:30 pm
Tuesday	January 21	V Girls Hoop	vs Gr. Lawrence	5:30 pm
Wednesday	January 22	V Swimming	at Gr. Lowell	3:30 pm
Wednesday	January 22	V Girls Hockey	vs North Quincy	7:00 pm
Wednesday	January 22	V Boys Hockey	at Nashoba Tech	TBA



Shawsheen Tech's Steph Mercurio defends Malden Catholic's Kylie Bragg during the non-league game held two weeks ago. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Costabile selected to the Hall of Fame

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There are so many components that go into being successful as a coach, and I have been so blessed to have all of those things."

Costabile certainly has been blessed with many great assistant coaches through the years, but as grateful as he has been for them, they are equally appreciative of having worked for the legendary coach.

Shawsheen Tennis coach Jay Tildsley, who captained Costabile's first ever Rams team in 1998 and went on to serve on his staff for 14 seasons thereafter, while also coaching several other sports at Shawsheen, knows how important Costabile is to the growth of the football program at Shawsheen.

"Coach C came in when I was a senior, and that was 21 years ago. Right away he had that dynamic personality that just drew you to him," Tildsley said. "He came to us from Fenwick with a great coaching resume, having taken them to two Super Bowls. He came in here and he wanted to put Shawsheen Tech on the map. He didn't care if we were a vocational school, he felt like we could compete with anyone and he made us believe that as well. He brought a great energy to Shawsheen Tech right from the start and he still has it today. He has that dynamic personality that young men want

to be around."

First year Shawsheen Boys Basketball coach Joe Gore, a 2008 graduate of Shawsheen where he quarterbacked the Rams, has been a member of Costabile's football staff for the past nine years and has learned many valuable lessons from his former coach.

"A quarterback and a coach have a special relationship. Coach C was always honest with me, and he always motivated me to be a special player. The opportunities he gave me as a player are something I will always be thankful for. I am so grateful to have played for him," Gore said. "Being on his staff, and being able to play for him has been great. I have been able to learn so much from him."

"This is my first year as head basketball coach and I have been able to take so much from him and the way he approaches coaching and use it to my advantage. I have been so fortunate to be able to do that. Working under him for nine years I have learned so much about how to coach, regardless of the sport."

Having Gore and Tildsley, as well as so many other former players on his staff has been quite a thrill for Costabile. The same goes for his connection with so many other alumni who continue to support the program

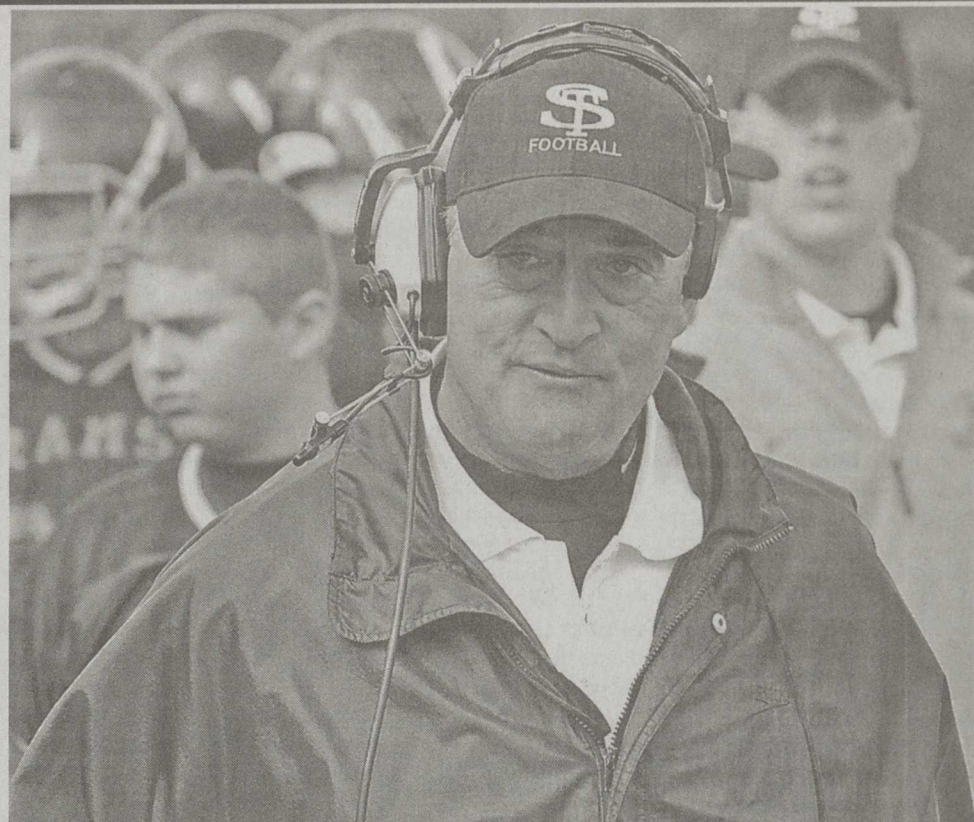
years after graduation.

"It means so much to me to have former players and captains for me who are now coaching for me. That is just such a great feeling," Costabile said. "Not only that, but there are so many alumni who come back all the time, and you see them on the sideline on Friday nights before the games. I can't tell you how much that means to me."

Costabile is also showing no signs of slowing down, having posted a 10-2 record this past season, advancing to the Division 6 North sectional semifinals as well as the state vocational playoffs. It was the third ten win season in the history of the Shawsheen program, joining the 2007 and 2010 squads. Costabile and the Rams have also suffered only three losing seasons since he took over in 1998.

Aa big reason for the Rams sustained success has been his ability to adapt to the many generations of players he has seen come through the doors of both Fenwick and Shawsheen.

That really is a challenge for someone who wants to coach for a lifetime. You deal with different generations, and different mindsets and you really have to adapt to it. You have to learn how to do it and also be willing to do it," Costabile said. "If you are doing it for the right reasons, the players



Shawsheen Tech Football Coach Al Costabile, who is closing in on 200 career wins, has been selected to the Massachusetts State Football Coaches Hall of Fame. (file photo).

know it and they will buy in and you are able to achieve something. If they think you are in it for yourself, it will not work. It can't be about you."

Of course, it has never been just about Costabile, either throughout his coaching career, or in more recent year when he has also been Shawsheen's Athletic Director. It is instead about the Costabile's as a whole, as in his entire family, starting with his wife Donna and including his two now adult daughters Liana and Francesca. Liana famously got married the same day that the Rams won the Super Bowl in 2010, with Costabile coaching his team to the championship in the morning and walking his daughter down the aisle in the evening.

"Without a doubt, it all begins there. My daughters don't know anything else," Costabile said. "I mean, Liana got married the day of our Super Bowl game. And my wife has been so supportive. That is so vital. There has to be understanding in order to do this job, and I just can't thank any of them enough."

Costabile's career is far from over, but upon his selection to the Hall of Fame, he did take a moment to look back on his career to this point. While it is hard to pinpoint just one or two memories over such a wide ranging career, Costabile instead looked back on his entire career as a whole and what it has meant to him.

"I feel like it is more of a collective memory of all

of the people you coached, and all of the people you coached with and against," Costabile said. "Still now, with my coaches we look back and think about kids we coached years ago and we laugh and have great memories. I talk to the guys I coached with at Fenwick 25 years ago and we still have great memories of things we did and the kids we coached."

"The thing that stands out is the kids you coached and the coaches you coached with. You go through so many things together and spend so much time together that you develop great bonds with each other, and that is the thing that still stands out me the most."

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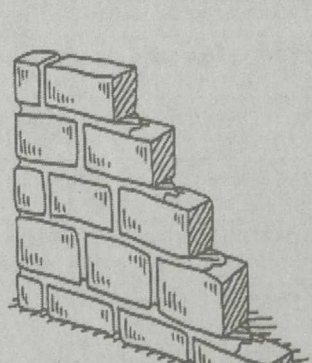
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Redmen knock off four MVC Teams, now 9-3 on season

A huge week on the mat

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ANDOVER - In some years, in fact as recently as last season, a week that included hosting Haverhill and then traveling to Andover for a quad meet with Andover, Methuen and Lowell, would be a nightmare scenario for the Tewksbury High Wrestling team. The reality is, in some years, it would be a nightmare scenario for most teams.

But that is certainly not the case this season for the Redmen, who went 4-0 on the week, knocking off defending Division 1 North Sectional champion Haverhill last Wednesday night before sweeping Saturday's quad meet to improve to 9-3 on the season.

In Saturday's quad meet, the Redmen earned wins by scores of 41-36 over Andover, 44-30 over Methuen and 51-21 over Lowell. The Redmen had lost to all three of their MVC rivals last season by comfortable margins, including a 75-6 loss to Methuen.

This time around, it was the Redmen with the more experienced, more talented team, and they took full advantage, avenging all three losses in impressive fashion.

"It was a good day for us," Tewksbury coach Steve O'Keefe said. "These teams have been tough on us in the past, but we matched up well this season. It was good to get three league wins."

The Redmen were led by some outstanding performances on the day, with several wrestlers going 3-0, including Kyle Darrigo at 160 pounds, who went undefeated on the day in his return to the lineup from injury. Darrigo won two of his matches by decision and one by pin, and O'Keefe

was obviously very happy to have his star junior back in the lineup.

"Kyle has been rehabbing from an injury from the football season, so it was great to get him back in the lineup," O'Keefe said. "He is a high energy kid and it was great to see him come back and do so well. It helps having him back at 160 pounds, because it really helps our depth. With him back, it allows us to also move other people around and it helps the whole team."

Junior Adam Donovan (106) also went 3-0 on the day, winning two of his matches by pin. The perfect day was just the latest step in the steady improvement of Donovan throughout this season and throughout his career.

"Adam had been wrestling tough," O'Keefe said. "He has been steadily going up in weight over the last few years and he is finally getting closer to actually being 106 and it is paying off for him. He is starting to pick up some wins and is having a very good season."

Other wrestlers who went 3-0 on the day for the Redmen included Danny Lightfoot at 132 pounds (2 pins), Connor Charron (138, 2 pins) and Dylan Chandler (285, 3 pins).

Several other wrestlers also went 2-1 on the day, including senior Ryan Day, who earned both of his victories by pin.

"Ryan has been part of our program for a couple of years now," O'Keefe said. "You know you will get the most out of him every time he goes out there, so we are happy to see his hard work pay off."

Other wrestlers who went 2-1 on the day for the Redmen were Jack Callahan (120, 1 pin) and Nick Wilson (220, 1 pin).

The 36-32 win over Haverhill was one of the

best dual meet wins in recent years for the Redmen. Granted, this year's Haverhill team is different than the team that went 26-0 in dual meets last season, and earned a third place finish at the Division 1 State Meet, but they are still an outstanding team, and O'Keefe was obviously thrilled to see his team come out on top over the Hillies.

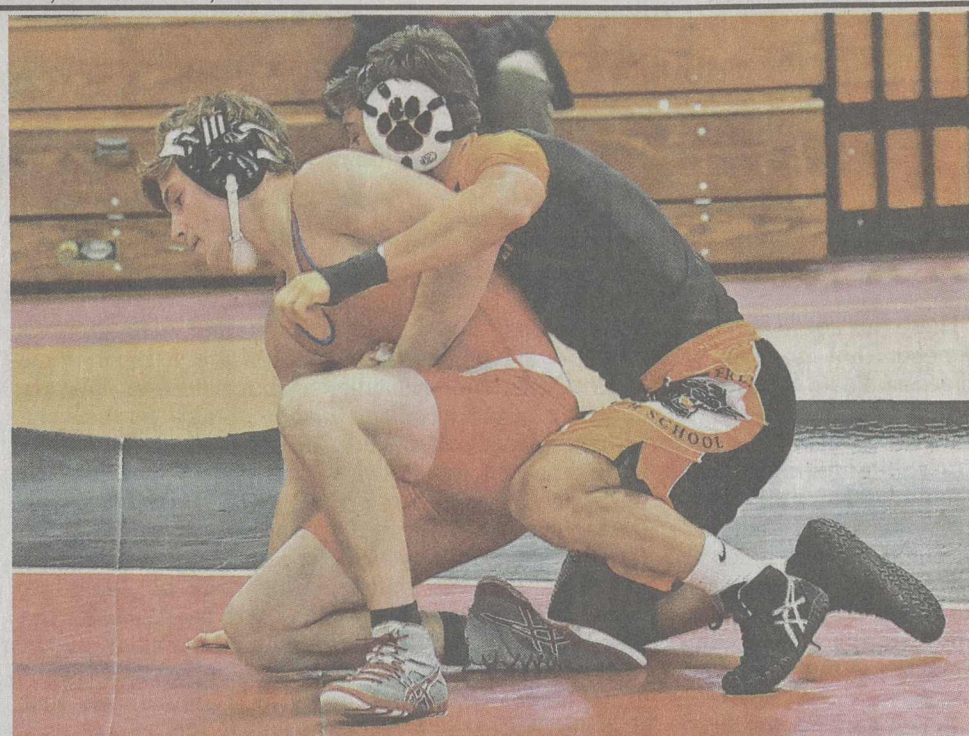
"It was a good team win," O'Keefe said. "It is a good confidence builder for us. We have been where they are before after losing kids to graduation, but we have no control over their situation. All we can do is go out and wrestle the best we can and try to win."

"A big thing for us in this one was that even when some of our younger guys lost, they did not get pinned. So, we are only giving up three points instead of six, which can be very important."

Winners on the day for the Redmen included Callahan at 126 pounds (pin, 1:00), Lightfoot at 132 (dec. 11-4), Charron at 138 (pin, 1:30), Day at 182 (pin, 3:15) and Wilson at 220 (dec., 12-6). Adam Donovan (106) and Dylan Chandler (285) each won their matches by forfeit.

At 9-3, the Redmen are in the midst of a very good season as they approach the midway point of their campaign, but O'Keefe knows his team must keep up the hard work that has gotten them to this point.

"Going forward it will be about how we match up with our opponents, so we have to keep wrestling hard and stay healthy," O'Keefe said. "All it takes is for a couple of kids to get hurt or get sick and then your depth is gone. We just need to keep trying to improve."



Tewksbury's Cam Cimmino tries to escape the grasp of Beverly's Jack Rivers during an earlier season meet. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Girls Track remains perfect; in a fight for title

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race back coming off an injury that has kept her out all season," said Schell. "Not her best time but definitely looks good as if she has not missed a beat. A good couple of weeks of training and I know she is going to be better than before."

Finally, Kaitlyn Doherty was 17th in the unseeded section of the 55-meter hurdles with a time of 10.07 and Mallory Brown was 56th in the 800 at 3:05.32.

"This meet was just

another meet for practice and work on a few more things heading into State Relays and Melrose," said Schell. "We had some good overall performances on the day and are heading in the right direction for what needs to be done. Overall both meets were fairly low key but a good atmosphere for the team. With the weather cooperating, hopefully we can finally get some good workouts in on the track as training has been lack luster all winter and it has

been showing."

Two members of the girls team also competed at the Dartmouth Relay Meet over the weekend with Hannah LaVita ending in a tie for eighth in the high jump clearing 5-0 and in the same event Juliana Patrone was tied for 15th as she cleared 4-10.

On Friday, Wilmington will participate in the Division 4 State Relay Meet to begin at 4:30 pm.

Rams Wrestling team continues to dominate

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and we know that we have a bullseye on our backs every year.

"Central Catholic was a good example of that, with two powerhouses going at it. We are 16-2, and we would like to be even better. The kids are still working at it."

The Rams were back in action on Wednesday night with a home match against CAC rival

Whittier, with results unavailable as of press time. They will hit the mats again on Saturday when they travel to Reading for a super quad meet with Reading, Greater Lawrence Wakefield and North Andover.

"There are no cupcakes on our schedule," Donovan said. "Our league is what our league is, but we face

a lot of very good teams every year. We will travel a good distance to face very good teams and we have already done that this season. It is good for a CAC team to wrestle in Division 1 the way we do and also to do so well. We won't back down from anyone."



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